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Junior Matt Rescoe wears a mask as he runs through practice with members of the Lakeshore High School Marching Band on Thursday morning at Lakeshore High School.

Making the best of it

Loss of halftime shows, competitions leaves bands playing a lonely tune

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

High school marching band season has pretty much been canceled this fall in Michigan due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Most competitions, including the state championship, have been scrapped, and the fall football season has been postponed to the spring, leaving band directors trying to figure out how to keep their students motivated.

The cancellation of the state championship was especially hard for members of the Lakeshore Lancer Marching Band, which won its fifth consecutive state title last fall.

But Lakeshore band director Matt Pagel said that the students understand.

Band director Matt Pagel works with Lakeshore's trombone section on Thursday.

"It's not the outcome that anybody wanted, but it's the only safe outcome," he said. "It's been encouraging to see, especially the seniors' response. In the rehearsals that we have been able to have, they've been very positive. No complaining. They just talk about how they can help the band be the best that it can be in whatever way we're allowed to do that."

He said they are practicing outside in small groups for a Halloween-themed concert to be held near the end of October.

"Because it's not (the state competition), it will allow us to do some things that are a little more informal and a little more fun that we wouldn't be able to do under the scrutiny of competition," he said. "Because this is all about the community, our options for the things that we can play and the things that we can do are a little more open."

He said they are still trying to figure out exactly how to hold the concert while following state guidelines concerning COVID-19.

Southwest Michigan is currently in phase four of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's six-phase MI Safe Schools Roadmap, which only allows up to 100 people at outdoor events. Large

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Whitmer: $600M Flint water deal a step toward making amends

By JOHN FLESHER and DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A $600 million deal between the state of Michigan and Flint residents who were harmed by lead-tainted water is a step toward making amends for a disaster that upended life in the poor, majority-Black city, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer said Thursday.

State officials and lawyers for Flint residents announced the settlement, which Attorney General Dana Nessel said likely would be the largest in Michigan history, with tens of thousands of potential claimants. It's designed primarily to benefit children, who were most vulnerable to the debilitating effects of lead that fouled drinking water after Flint switched its source to save money in 2014 while under supervision of a state financial manager.

City workers followed state environmental officials' advice not to use anti-corrosive additives. Without those treatments, water from the Flint River scraped lead from aging pipes and fixtures, contaminating tap water.

The disaster made Flint a nationwide symbol of governmental mismanagement, with residents of the city of nearly 100,000 lining up for bottled water and parents fearful their children had suffered permanent harm. A criminal investigation that has resulted in only misdemeanor no-contest pleas so far was resumed last year.

"What happened in Flint should have never happened, and financial compensation with this settlement is just one of the many ways we can continue to show our support for the city of Flint and its families," Whitmer, a Democrat, said.

Several judges must approve the agreement, which is intended to resolve all claims against the state. Residents can decline to take part and file separate lawsuits, but attorneys involved in the negotiations said they would urge their clients to participate.

"It's not perfect. But it is fair, it's reasonable, it's equitable," said attorney Michael Pitt.

Suits also have been filed against the city, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and two engineering consulting firms. They could join the state settlement by contributing agreed-on sums

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BERRIEN COUNTY

Berrien's tax foreclosure auction is online this year

Auction set for Sept. 26

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Berrien County's annual auction of properties that have been foreclosed on will be held online this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Berrien County Treasurer Shelly Weich told county commissioners during their meeting Thursday that she is contracting with Taxsale.info to handle the auctioning of 190 properties, which will include 22 occupied and 19 unoccupied structures, with the rest being vacant lots. She said the properties won't be ready to be viewed on the website until late next week.

The live part of the online auction will be held 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sept. 26, with bidding starting 30 days ahead of time.

Weich said that a $1,000 credit card preauthorization is required, although the card won't be charged until the day of the auction. She said an email will be sent to the winning bidders, who have five business days to pay. If the winning bidders don't buy the property, then the $1,000 deposit is not returned.

She said there is no cost to the county, with all of the fees being paid by the winning bidders.

A second auction for leftover properties will be held Nov. 3.

Property owners who fall three years behind on their property taxes are at risk of being foreclosed on.

The deadline to pay property taxes to avoid foreclosure is usually March 31, but due to the pandemic, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer pushed the deadline to June 30.

BCHA fundraiser

Commissioners also discussed the Berrien County Historical Association's annual fundraiser, which will be Sept. 17.

Association members were hoping to have in-person and virtual attendance options. But commissioners said that they want to be consistent, and since large group gatherings aren't being allowed at any of the county's parks, the event needs to be conducted entirely online.

With the theme of "All That Jazz," the event will include a silent auction, costume contest and a cocktail/mocktail demonstration, along with jazz music.

The event also includes a choice of three dinners, which can be picked up the day of the event or delivered for a $10 donation. The deadline to buy tickets that include dinner is Sept. 8.

For information on how to donate to the silent auction and to buy tickets, go to: berrienhistory.org/signature-event.

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When is it safe to open schools? States have varying answers

By COLLIN BINKLEY and KATIE FOODY
Associated Press

As schools across the U.S. decide whether to reopen this fall, many are left wondering how to know if it's safe. Public health experts say virus rates in the community should be low, but there's little agreement on a specific threshold or even a measurement.

The federal government has largely left it to state and local governments to decide when it's safe to bring students back to the classroom. The result is a patchwork of policies that vary widely by state and county. Minnesota, for example, suggests fully in-person classes if a county's two-week case rate is no higher than 10 per 10,000 people. In Pennsylvania, it's considered safe if a county's positive virus tests average lower than 5 percent for a week.

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Carl Juste / Miami Herald via AP

Teacher Jeffrey Phillipe, left, bags school textbooks and an iPad on Wednesday in Miami's Little Haiti neighborhood. Faculty and staffers handed out iPads, text books, and other items to parents and guardians as Cathedral of St. Mary School distributed school supplies.

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Ex-Trump aide Bannon pleads not guilty in border wall scheme

By LARRY NEUMEISTER, COLLEEN LONG and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's former chief strategist, Steve Bannon, was pulled from a luxury yacht and arrested Thursday on allegations that he and three associates ripped off donors trying to fund a southern border wall, making him the latest in a long list of Trump allies to be charged with a crime.

The organizers of the "We Build The Wall" group portrayed themselves as eager to help the president build a "big beautiful" barrier along the U.S.-Mexico border, as he promised during the 2016 campaign. They raised more than $25 million from thousands of donors and pledged that 100 percent of the money would be used for the project.

But according to the criminal charges unsealed Thursday, much of the money never made it to the wall. Instead, it was used to line the pockets of group members, including Bannon, who served in Trump's White House and worked for his campaign.

He allegedly took over $1 million, using some to secretly pay co-defendant Brian Kolfage, an Air Force veteran who lost both legs in a mortar attack in Iraq and the founder of the project, and to cover hundreds of thousands of dollars in personal expenses.

"This case should serve as a warning to other fraudsters that no one is above the law, not even a disabled war veteran or a millionaire political strategist," said Philip R. Bartlett, inspector-in-charge of the New York office of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, which arrested Bannon aboard a luxury yacht at 7 a.m.

Hours after his arrest, Bannon, 66, of Washington, D.C., pleaded not guilty during an appearance in a Manhattan federal court. He is the latest addition to a startlingly long list of Trump associates who have been prosecute d, including his former campaign chair, Paul Manafort, whom Bannon replaced, his longtime lawyer, Michael Cohen, and his former national security adviser, Michael Flynn.

Trump has also made clear that he is willing to use his near-limitless pardon power to help political allies escape legal jeopardy, most recently commuting the sentence of longtime political adviser Roger Stone.

Bannon was taken into custody on a 150-foot yacht called Lady May, which was off the coast of Connecticut, authorities said. The boat is owned by exiled Chinese billionaire Guo Wengui and currently for sale for nearly $28 million.

According to Marine Traffic, a commercial tracking service, the vessel's transponder signal went dark on June 17, shortly after it departed a port in Connecticut en route to Miami, potentially indicating its beacon was inoperable or had been turned off.

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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden stands on stage after Democratic vice presidential candidate Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., spoke during the third day of the Democratic National Convention, Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020, at the Chase Center in Wilmington, Del. (AP Photo / Carolyn Kaster)

For Joe Biden, long path to a potentially crucial presidency

By BILL BARROW
Associated Press

When Joe Biden took the stage Thursday night as the Democratic Party's presidential nominee, he offered himself to a wounded, meandering nation as balm – and as a bridge.

A 77-year-old steeped in the American political establishment for a half-century, Biden cannot himself embody the kind of generational change that Presidents John F. Kennedy or Bill Clinton represented. Even with wide-ranging proposals for government action on health care, taxation and the climate crisis, he will never be the face of a burgeoning progressive movement. As a white man, Biden cannot know personally the systemic racism now at the forefront of a national reckoning over centuries-old social and economic inequities.

But the former vice president, six-term senator and twice failed presidential candidate draws plenty on lived experience – two generations spent on each end of Pennsylvania Avenue, a record that mixes partisan street-fighting with bipartisan deal-making and bonhomie, and a personal journey of middle-class mores, individual struggle and family heartbreak.

That is how he is presenting himself as the person to lead the country beyond the tumultuous tenure of President Donald Trump.

"There's great seriousness of purpose here," said Valerie Biden Owens, the candidate's younger sister and, until his current White House bid, perennial campaign manager. "We are in a time of struggle. We are in a time a grief," she continued, nodding to the novel coronavirus, its economic fallout and the reckoning on race. "All of this has come together. My brother appreciates it. He can feel it."

The electorate ultimately will decide whether Biden in fact offers a bridge back to a pre-Trump version of normal, a path forward to a more equitable society or some combination. Voters' most immediate consideration, though, may be that he is not the incumbent.

"Everything that Donald Trump is, my brother is the polar opposite. I don't have to make him bigger than he is," said sister Val. "Joe's the right person at the right time for all the right reasons."

Biden has used his convention to showcase what his campaign hopes will be a winning coalition.

Prime-time hours have been generously sprinkled with Republicans. A video highlighted Biden's friendship with the late Sen. John McCain, the 2008 GOP presidential nominee. Former Ohio Gov. John Kasich endorsed Biden and assured anti-Trump Republicans that he had no worries Biden might make a "sharp left turn" in office.

Biden, though, spent recent months working with primary runner-up Bernie Sanders and other progressives tweaking his policy slate leftward. Those moves reflect Biden's increasing emphasis on wide wealth and opportunity gaps he says have been "laid bare" by the pandemic's economic effects.

Sanders repeated his support for Biden on Monday and emphasized Biden's agenda as he urged skeptical progressives to vote affirmatively for the Democratic nominee, not just against Trump.

Younger Democrats to Biden's left, several who are non-white, have helped fill out the program. It's a public projection of what Biden tells top Democrats privately in frank acknowledgment of his age: He wants to elevate a new generation, one that looks wholly different from the all-male, nearly all-white Senate Democratic Caucus he joined in 1973.

He underscored the point by selecting California Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate, making her the first Black woman to join a major party's national ticket.

Biden sees no inherent conflicts in his wide-net approach, arguing over nearly 16 months of campaigning that the country must relearn how to govern by some semblance of consensus, and that starts with bringing varied voices to the negotiating table.

Part of Biden's ability to make seemingly disparate appeals is that his policy pitches remain secondary to the personal pitch, amplified during the convention, that he is a decent, compassionate man of faith, a practicing Roman Catholic.

While Biden likes to project an "Uncle Joe" persona, he still flashes the short fuse that was more common decades ago. In Iowa, he told one climate activist to "vote for somebody else." He challenged a man who questioned his age to a push-ups contest.

Still, empathy more than anger has defined Biden's life, as the vice president who buried an adult son stricken by cancer, the young widower and father who lost his first wife and infant daughter in a car accident, and the schoolboy mocked by classmates and a nun for a severe stutter.

His sister points to that childhood crucible as seminal – and newly applicable in Biden's campaign against Trump amid the backdrop of a changing electorate.

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Benton Township cidery back on track

Owner backs away from tasting room idea

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Plans are underway for a Benton Township resident to begin fermenting cider on her property.

Township trustees approved a special use permit Tuesday for Paula Camp to begin making cider at home with a few conditions, which includes a timeframe on when work can begin.

Camp, who was previously granted a special use permit in 2017 that has since expired, requested a special use permit at 920 North Shore Drive to produce sparkling apple cider.

Building Inspector Chris Fuchs said the permit would allow the production of cider, but would no longer be included in plans for an on-site tasting room facility.

"(Camp) ran into structural issues and has worked diligently to address those. She spent money to replace the foundation in the carriage house and redo the floor. The building is almost complete," Fuchs said. "The newest request is part of just production so the tasting room won't be included in the new permit."

Fuchs said the special use permit carries a one-year window to put a special use into place at the North Shore Drive property.

He said if the special use lapses, then the township board can take measures to remove the special use. However, if the property is sold, the permit goes with it in the sale.

The planning commission recommended an annual review.

In 2017, Camp was granted a special use permit to sell cider at 920 North Shore Drive. Camp previously planned to operate the small cidery and tasting room out of a former carriage house on the property.

At Tuesday's board meeting, Camp said those plans have changed.

"It is our home and we don't want hordes of people in our backyard," Camp said. "We realized the space is more conducive to making, pressing and fermenting the cider. It would take hundreds of thousands of dollars to remake the space into something commercially attractive to visitors."

Camp said they've secured provisional approval from LARA that is subject to a final inspection.

However, the final inspection requires a special use permit from the township.

"We're getting down to the final two steps in the process," Camp told trustees.

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TAKING COVER

Don Campbell / HP staff

A lone beach umbrella provides shade as waves crash along Lions Park Beach in St. Joseph this week.

Kids can bike with a cop next Wednesday

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — What makes a fun bike ride with a police officer even better?

Eating ice cream afterwards.

Children and their parents can do both next Wednesday by taking part in the Bike With a Cop program, hosted by the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety and Michigan State Police. The event runs from 2 to 4 p.m., starting at the Benton Harbor Boys & Girls Club Fettig Youth Campus, 600 Nate Wells Sr. Drive in Benton Harbor.

Kids ages 5-12 and their parents are invited to ride their bicycles with police officers, then be treated to ice cream. The event will open with a brief lesson on bicycle safety. Bike mechanics will be available to help with minor repairs before the ride, and participants are encouraged to wear helmets.

The ride route will start on the south side of the Boys & Girls Club parking lot, and continue on Vineyard street to South Seeley. It will then go left on Seeley, left on Buss Avenue, right on South McCord Street, left on Thresher Avenue, left on South Hull Avenue, left on East High Street, right on South McCord and right on Nate Wells Sr. Drive, ending at the north end of the Boys & Girls Club, where ice cream will be served.

The event is sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club, with ice cream provided by The Blue Roof Church, and bike repairs provided by Cycle-Re-Cycle and Michigan State Police bike mechanics.

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Crowd restrictions being enforced by 'party patrols,' hotline during University of Michigan fall semester

By NATHAN CLARK
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ANN ARBOR — Returning students and residents living near the University of Michigan campus can expect to see "party patrols" roaming the streets this fall.

The Ann Arbor Police Department announced Thursday, Aug. 20, that it is partnering with the University of Michigan in a plan to help keep returning students safe from COVID-19 by enforcing the ban on large gatherings with small canvassing teams.

Ann Arbor police allocate resources every year for what they call "party patrol," Chief Michael Cox said. While he said he hopes they won't see large parties this year, the department is focusing its resources on COVID-19 concerns.

"COVID-19, large gatherings and harmful alcohol behavior are all concerns this year," according to an AAPD statement. "Significant planning efforts have been undertaken this year by our Michigan and the city of Ann Arbor agencies to identify ways to help our community manage this unprecedented situation."

A hotline, being run by the university, also has been created to help reduce the need for police being called as a first response to suspect violations, police said.

An order issued by the Washtenaw County Health Department on Wednesday, Aug. 19, restricts outdoor gatherings in Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti to 25 people. Indoor gatherings remain limited at 10 or fewer people not of the same household.

To enforce gathering bans, teams of officers will travel across campus, as well near campus neighborhoods, to serve as a visible reminder to students and other community members of the need to follow public health guidance.

The teams consist of two to three people, including university staff, faculty, volunteers or community engagement officers from the Ann Arbor Police Department or the University of Michigan Division of Public Safety and Security.

The teams will patrol from noon to midnight seven days a week at the start of UM's fall semester, eventually reducing the patrols to Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays until the end of the fall term. Student move-in begins Aug. 24 for the semester that starts Aug. 31.

Much like how police responded to COVID restrictions as they developed since the start of the pandemic in March, police aim to focus on education and not arrests unless absolutely necessary.

At a recent Ann Arbor City Council meeting, Council member Ali Ramlawi said he thought there wasn't much detail on how students might be disciplined if they violate the policies.

Ann Arbor City Council members question University of Michigan's effort to prevent spread of coronavirus

"To me, it's all carrot and no stick, and I'm not very comfortable with a policy that just doesn't have any consequences," Ramlawi said.

"It's thought out on the education side and that's what the university does well, obviously, and I'm a little uncomfortable without any repercussions for failing the social contract."

UM Dean of Students Laura Jones said if a person or student group has to be reminded of violations multiple times, they can be held accountable by university processes.

UM has required all students coming back to the Ann Arbor campus to practice "enhanced physical distancing" for two weeks prior to their arrival.

Students have said they think a majority of their peers will follow the guidelines, but there will be those who make it harder on everyone else.

Police hope incoming students will follow the example set by students at the start of the pandemic in March when all St. Patrick's Day festivities were canceled after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's order limiting the size of gatherings.

The Ann Arbor Police department made no arrests and found no code violations during the March 17 holiday, with police afterward thanking residents for abiding the mandate.

SMC adjusts spring schedule by a couple of weeks

By HP STAFF

DOWAGIAC — Southwestern Michigan College's Board of Trustees has adjusted the spring 2021 academic calendar by two weeks.

SMC's spring semester will now start Jan. 25 and conclude on May 14, with an anticipated commencement ceremony set for Saturday, May 15, outdoors in Alumni Plaza, according to a news release.

The revised calendar will provide more time for faculty to prepare for additional online courses that may be needed in spring, will avoid potential snow days in early January, and positions spring break week closer to the middle of the semester.

In his president's report at the board meeting this week, Dr. Joe Odenwald advised the board that the college's faculty association and local school district superintendents agreed with the change.

"Also, I don't want to go two years in a row without a physical graduation," Odenwald said.

Odenwald also reported closing the enrollment gap in recent weeks.

"On June 5, we had 833 students enrolled for fall," Odenwald said. "This morning we had 1,533. We've picked up 700 students since June 5. One area where we're currently behind is dual enrollment, down 103 from a year ago. I've been reassured multiple times that will improve, but it's going to take some sorting out after the first day of classes (Sept. 8) because the typical registration window in April/May was disrupted. ... I think we'll wind up between 1,650 and 1,700 students."

Odenwald divides the challenges ahead for SMC into three categories: managing the virus, enrollment and the budget for fall 2020; preparing for spring 2021; and planning for fall 2021.

Odenwald said he's determined not to let this year set the tone for the next five.

"This virus has controlled enough and will to some degree until we get a vaccine, but we've got to be planning the future," he said.

Also this week, the board rescheduled its Oct. 19 meeting to Oct. 26 and will use it for annual long-range planning postponed in March due to the coronavirus shutdown.

IN BRIEF

Cass, Van Buren counties record more COVID-19 deaths

The COVID-19 pandemic death toll in Cass and Van Buren counties rose again on Thursday.

Each county recorded another death, bringing Cass County to 15 total COVID-19 deaths, and Van Buren County to 13.

In addition Thursday, Cass County added three new COVID-19 cases and Van Buren added two.

The Van Buren Cass District Health Department will update its number of recovered individuals today on its website, www.vbcassdhd.org/covid-19.

Berrien County added six new COVID-19 cases Thursday and 12 new recoveries. No new deaths were recorded, keeping the total at 69.

With deaths and recoveries, the county has about 97 active COVID-19 cases. That's down from 103 on Wednesday and up from 84 last Thursday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating six COVID-19 patients as of Thursday morning. That's up from five on Wednesday and down from 11 last Thursday.

Priest's body found after boat accident in Detroit River

GROSSE ILE (AP) — Authorities on Thursday recovered the body of a Catholic priest who was one of two people who died when a boat capsized on the Detroit River.

The Rev. Stephen Rooney's body was found miles away near Monroe. The body of the boat's skipper, Robert Chiles, was recovered Tuesday.

More than a dozen people were aboard Chiles' 39-foot boat when it capsized Sunday night near Grosse Ile. The others survived.

Rooney, a native of Ireland, was pastor at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Trenton. Parish members prayed for both men Monday night.

Rooney, 66, and Chiles, 52, had become close after the priest counseled his family following the death of Chiles' wife last year.

"Over the last year, as they faced together the loss of Christine, they shared meals together and time together," said the Rev. Marc Gawronski, pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Grosse Ile. "Certainly, at the Chiles' home, Father Rooney was a guest many times."

David Johnson / For The Herald-Palladium

Dylan Reed Leavitt performs on a trailer stage during The Acorn Theater's eighth annual Singer Songwriter Competition.

Leavitt wins Acorn competition

By DAVID JOHNSON
For The Herald-Palladium

THREE OAKS — Six finalists took the "stage" for The Acorn Theater's 2020 Singer Songwriter Competition on Aug. 13, but only one could come away the winner.

Dylan Reed Leavitt of Chesterton, Ind., took home the top prize, beating out Valparaiso, Ind.'s Mami Matsuda and Goble's Andy Baker in the ultimate round of competition.

The eighth annual event was held outdoors this year near Three Oaks. Six artists performed original songs for a panel of three judges, who then chose three to perform a second song. After the second round of music, audience members selected Leavitt as the winner.

"Isn't it great to get outside?" asked emcee Joe Bisceglia, who also performed at the beginning of the evening. "It looks like the Field of Dreams out here."

The finalists performed on a trailer stage set up near the rural Three Oaks home of contestant Jamie Wagner.

Baker performed "Skywriter," inspired by a podcast about "the guys who go up in the airplanes and write words in the sky."

Leavitt sang "Not One of You Yet," which prompted judge Corky Siegel to say, "I don't think you want to be one of them ever," while praising the song and the performance.

Matsuda performed "Where Have You Been?"

Wagner of Chicago and Three Oaks – along with drummer Larry Beers and guitarist Brian Wilkie – performed "Back to New Orleans."

Gianna Stansel of Grand Rapids sang "Fireproof," accompanied by Dan Agne on guitar.

And Timothy Gray of Chicago sand "Living My Best Life."

The other two judges were Peter Carey and Patti Shaffner. Siegel did his judging and commenting remotely via an iPad.

In the second round, Baker played "16," written in honor of his little sister; Leavitt performed "If It's Not Enough"; and Matsuda sang "It's Going to Be All Right."

The in-person and remote audience, then voted for the winner.

Leavitt, it was noted by Bisceglia, speaks Japanese, knows sign language, and has been writing music for about three years. The 16-year-old Chesterton High School student plays the ukelele, violin, guitar and piano.

He was awarded $1,000, while Matsuda took home $300 for second place and Baker won $200 for third.

All of the finalists will receive video recordings of their performance, and will be considered for future performing opportunities at The Acorn. Leavitt is guaranteed an opening spot for an established act.

The 2020 event was a fundraiser for The Acorn Theater, with online donations encouraged to help the theater "bridge the gap until we are back on the main stage."

IN BRIEF

TCP's Tiffany Awards goes digital for 2020

ST. JOSEPH — The Twin City Players will digitally present its 33rd annual Tiffany Awards at 7 p.m. Aug. 29 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The awards recognize the performances and achievements of TCP members and volunteers from the past season.

The awards will be free to watch on TCP's Facebook page, but donations are suggested. Donations can be made online at www.twincityplayers.org. Checks can be mailed to P.O. Box 243, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

The video also will be uploaded to TCP's website shortly following the Facebook premiere.

The awards are named after the late Marion Tiffany, an actress, volunteer and charter member of Twin City Players. Candidates are nominated in 10 categories.

A secret panel of judges selects the winners. Backstage and volunteer contributions also are recognized with various special awards.

Krasl Art Center announces courses

ST. JOSEPH — Krasl Art Center has announced its fall outdoor and in-person programs, take-home kits and virtual classes, which start Sept. 17.

Classes are open to members and nonmembers of all ages and skill levels. Students must register five days before the class begins.

The full list of programs is available online at krasl.org, by calling 983-0271, or by visiting the Krasl at 707 Lake Blvd.

Classes will take place on Krasl's Oval Lawn. All students will be spaced 6-feet apart in tents, when not exploring the natural beauty of St. Joseph, and will be required to wear face masks.

For more information on Krasl's new guest policies, visit krasl.org.

By popular demand, KAC also will offer five Krasl Kits this fall in addition to virtual and in-person courses. Krasl Kits contain all of the supplies and instructions to complete projects at home.

Register for classes and kits with complete payment online, by phone, by mail or in person. Scholarships are available for families with financial need.

SJ Municipal Band to feature 2 ensembles

ST. JOSEPH — The St. Joseph Municipal Band will feature a pair of ensembles on this week's virtual concert, which premieres at noon Sunday on the band's YouTube page.

The clarinet trio of Elisabeth Waldburger, Emily Midel and Geanie Helfrich will perform "Divertimento" from "Don Giovanni" by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart followed by "Baby Elephant Walk."

The brass sextet of William Camp, Charles Steck, Stacie Detgen, Steve Myer, Gary Cooper and Michael Shannon will perform "Renaissance Concert for Brass Sextet."

The concert also will feature "The Salvation Army March" by John Philip Sousa and "Big Band Polka" by Jerry Nowak.

The weekly video productions replace the band's 2020 concert season as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. They are coordinated by Director Donald Moely, and will continue through Labor Day.

For more information, and links to past virtual concerts, visit sjcity.com/band.

THE GUIDE

Editor's Note: In these uncertain times, events can change quickly. Be sure to check with each venue for the latest updates and possible cancellations.

TODAY

Mark Ficks: 3 p.m., **Gemini:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outside pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Jimmy Fastiggi: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Exit 41: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Leo Fron: 8-11 p.m., Casey's New Buffalo, 136 N. Whittaker St., New Buffalo; 469-6400 or www.caseysnewbuffalo.com

Whiskey Highway: 10 p.m., Front Street Pizza Pub, 510 N. Front St., Niles; 687-4992 or www.frontstreetpizzapub.com

SATURDAY

Brian Allison: 1-3:30 p.m., **CK & The Gray:** 4-6:30 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; $5; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

Reception for Biennial Members' Show: 2-4 p.m., Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

Drive-In Concert Series featuring Bryan Lubeck, Sypian Family Band and Dan Maxon: 3 p.m., Lake Michigan College Mendel Center parking lot, 2755 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor; $50-$60; 927-8700 or www.themendelcenter.com

Mike Struwin: 3 p.m., **Mike Talbot:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outside pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Chris Burch: 5-8 p.m. (outdoors), Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

Dart Board Compromise: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Mark Ficks and the Significant Others: 6-10 p.m., RyeBelles Restaurant and Bar, 518 Broad St., St. Joseph; 281-0318 or www.ryebelles.com

Three Oaks Music in the Park Series presents Ben Benedict: 6:30 p.m., Dewey Cannon Park, downtown Three Oaks; www.harborarts.com/music-in-the-park

St. Joseph Movies in the Park presents "The Greatest Showman": 8:30 p.m., Kiwanis Park, Pearl Street near Langley Avenue, St. Joseph (remain in your vehicle); free; sjcity.com

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Bryan Lubeck, seen here, Sypian Family Band and Dan Maxon will perform Saturday at Lake Michigan College as part of the outdoor Drive-In Concert Series.

SUNDAY

St. Joseph Municipal Band (virtual concert): noon premiere, www.youtube.com/c/StJosephMunicipalBand; free; sjcity.com/band

Don Field: 2-5 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

The Remedy: 2-5 p.m., Round Barn Estate, 10983 Hills Road, Baroda; free; 422-1617 or roundbarn.com

The Whateverly Brothers: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Dan Geib: 4-6 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

MONDAY

The Backsliders: 5-8 p.m., River Saint Joe, 15475 Walton Road, Buchanan; 409-8015 or www.riversaintjoe.com

TUESDAY

"The Office"-themed Trivia Night: 7:30-9:30 p.m., Silver Harbor Brewing Co., 721 Pleasant St., St. Joseph; free; 281-7100 or www.silverharborbrewing.com

THURSDAY

The Van Dyke Revue: 6-8 p.m., Riverfront Park, 34 Sycamore St., Niles; free

Harbor Country Singers singalong: 6:30 p.m., Three Oaks Arts & Entertainment Center, 14 Maple St., Three Oaks (outdoors); free; schoolofamericanmusic.com/hcs

Hartford Lions Club Concerts in the Park presents Blue Shoes Jazz: 7-8:30 p.m., Ely Park, North Maple Street, Hartford; free

AUG. 28

Mike Talbot: 3 p.m., **Linz & Cello:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outside pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

The Backsliders: 3:45-6:45 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

Michael McIntosh: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; 849-0109 or vineyard2121.com

Mark Ficks: 6-10 p.m., RyeBelles Restaurant and Bar, 518 Broad St., St. Joseph; 281-0318 or www.ryebelles.com

Delilah DeWylde: 7-10 p.m., Harbor Light Brewery, 516 Phoenix St., South Haven; 299-7760 or www.harborlightbrewing.com

AUG. 29

Record Store Day: 9 a.m.-5 p.m., 3 Pillars Music, 198 Water St., Benton Harbor; Rumor, 216 E. Main St., Niles; Phoenix Records & Boutique, 330 Kalamazoo St., Suite 5, South Haven; recordstoreday.com

80/90: 3 p.m., **DaZed and ConfuZed:** 7 p.m., Four Winds Casino Resort's outside pool, 11111 Wilson Road, New Buffalo; 866-494-6371 or www.fourwindscasino.com

Mark Ficks: 5-8 p.m., Sister Lakes Brewing Co., 92500 County Road 690, Dowagiac; 332-5135 or sisterlakesbrewing.com

The Backsliders: 6-9 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Three Oaks Music in the Park Series presents Stealin the Farm: 6:30 p.m., Dewey Cannon Park, downtown Three Oaks; www.harborarts.com/music-in-the-park

The Acorn Anywhere presents Beggars Banquet (Rolling Stones tribute): 8 p.m., The Indiana Dunes; $50-$75; 756-3879 or www.acornlive.org

St. Joseph Movies in the Park presents "Hook" (1991): 8:30 p.m., Whirlpool Centennial Park, St. Joseph (remain in your vehicle); free; sjcity.com

AUG. 30

St. Joseph Municipal Band (virtual concert): noon premiere, www.youtube.com/c/StJosephMunicipalBand; free; sjcity.com/band

Robert Rolfe Feddersen: 2-5 p.m., Haymarket Taproom, 9301 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman; free; 266-5050 or www.haymarketbeer.com

Mark Ficks: 2-5 p.m., 12 Corners Vineyards, 1201 N. Benton Center Road, Benton Harbor; free; 927-1512 or www.12corners.com

Joy Zimmerman: 2-5 p.m., Vineyard 2121 Winery & Tasting Room, 4110 Red Arrow Highway, Benton Harbor; free; 849-0109 or www.vineyard2121.com

Chris Behre: 2:30-5:30 p.m., Dablon Vineyards, 111 W. Shawnee Road, Baroda; free; 422-2846 or www.dablon.com

SEPT. 3

Checkmark Sallie: 7-10 p.m., Wegners Lakeside Bar & Grill, 2628 Lake Shore Drive, Niles; free; 683-1558 or wegners-lakeside-bar-grill.business.site

ART EXHIBITS

"Dex R. Jones: Storied Portraits" and **Works by sculptor Barbara Cooper:** through Aug. 31, **"2020 Middle and High School Community Student Art Exhibition":** through Aug. 31 (virtual exhibit: communitystudentartexhibition.smugmug.com), **"Human Interest: Four Figurative Sculptures" (outdoors):** through Oct. 17, Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph; free; 983-0271 or www.krasl.org

"Series 3 Art Exhibition" featuring Biff Vigil, Jeanne Fields, David Criner and Anthony "Scooter" DiMaggio (virtual exhibit): through Sept. 6, Box Factory for the Arts, 1101 Broad St., St. Joseph; free; 983-3688 or boxfactoryforthearts.org

Biennial Members' Show: through Sept. 19 (virtual and physical exhibit), Buchanan Art Center, 117 W. Front St., Buchanan; free; 697-4005 or buchananartcenter.com

"Nineteen: Suffrage in Southwest Michigan": through Sept. 20, History Center at Courthouse Square, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs; free; 471-1202 or www.berrienhistory.org

"Rightfully Hers": through Sept. 25; North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma; free; 468-3330 or www.northberrienhistory.org

"The Keepers of the Fire: The Pokagon Band of Potawatomi": through summer 2021; The Heritage Museum and Cultural Center, 601 Main St., St. Joseph; free; 983-1191 or www.theheritagemcc.org

FILM

Virtual screenings: "River City Drumbeat": $12 for 3-day rental; **"Gordon Lightfoot: If You Could Read My Mind":** $9.99 for 3 days; **"Out Stealing Horses":** $12 for 3 days; **"Rebuilding Paradise":** $12 for 3 days; **"The Cuban":** $12 for 3 days; **"The Fight":** $12; **"The Tobacconist":** $12 for 5 days; **"John Lewis: Good Trouble":** $12; Vickers Theatre, 6 N. Elm St., Three Oaks; 756-3522 or vickerstheatre.com

Submissions for The Guide should include day, time, location with address, admission cost and contact information. Email information to focus@TheHP.com. For questions, additions or subtractions, email Features Editor Andy Steinke at asteinke@TheHP.com.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	17	9	.654	—
New York	16	9	.640	½
Toronto	12	11	.522	3½
Baltimore	12	12	.500	4
Boston	7	18	.280	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	17	9	.654	—
Cleveland	16	9	.625	1/2
Chicago	15	11	.577	2
Kansas City	10	15	.400	6½
Detroit	9	14	.391	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	17	8	.680	—
Houston	15	10	.600	2
Texas	10	13	.435	6
Los Angeles	8	17	.320	9
Seattle	8	19	.296	10

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 0, 7 innings, 1st game
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Chicago White Sox 5, Detroit 3
Milwaukee 9, Minnesota 3
Houston 13, Colorado 6
San Diego 6, Texas 3, 10 innings
Oakland 4, Arizona 1
San Francisco 7, L.A. Angels 2
Seattle 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Tampa Bay 10, N.Y. Yankees 5
Chicago White Sox 9, Detroit 0
Houston 10, Colorado 8
Toronto 9, Philadelphia 8, 7 innings, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 6, Seattle 1
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0
Boston at Baltimore
Texas at San Diego
Arizona at Oakland
L.A. Angels at San Francisco

Friday's Games

Toronto (Shoemaker 0-1) at Tampa Bay (Yarbrough 0-2), 6:40 p.m.
Detroit (Fulmer 0-0) at Cleveland (Plutko 1-1), 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), ppd.
Boston (TBD) at Baltimore (Means 0-1), 7:35 p.m.
Minnesota (Odorizzi 0-0) at Kansas City (Duffy 1-2), 8:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 2-1) at San Diego (Richards 1-1), 9:10 p.m.
Texas (Allard 0-1) at Seattle (Margevicius 0-1), 9:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Heaney 1-1) at Oakland (Fiers 2-1), 9:40 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	14	11	.560	—
Miami	9	9	.500	1½
New York	12	14	.462	2½
Philadelphia	9	12	.429	3
Washington	9	12	.429	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	16	8	.667	—
Milwaukee	11	12	.478	4½
St. Louis	6	7	.462	4½
Cincinnati	10	12	.455	5
Pittsburgh	4	17	.190	10½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	8	.704	—
San Diego	14	12	.538	4½
Arizona	13	12	.520	5
Colorado	13	12	.520	5
San Francisco	10	16	.385	8½

Wednesday's Games

Boston 6, Philadelphia 3
St. Louis 9, Chicago Cubs 3, 7 innings, 1st game
Kansas City 4, Cincinnati 0, 7 innings, 1st game
Chicago Cubs 4, St. Louis 2, 7 innings, 2nd game
Cleveland 6, Pittsburgh 1
Cincinnati 5, Kansas City 0, 7 innings, 2nd game
N.Y. Mets 5, Miami 3
Milwaukee 9, Minnesota 3
Houston 13, Colorado 6
San Diego 6, Texas 3, 10 innings
Oakland 4, Arizona 1
San Francisco 7, L.A. Angels 2
Seattle 6, L.A. Dodgers 4

Thursday's Games

Toronto 3, Philadelphia 2, 7 innings, 1st game
Houston 10, Colorado 8
Toronto 9, Philadelphia 8, 7 innings, 2nd game
L.A. Dodgers 6, Seattle 1
Minnesota 7, Milwaukee 1
Cleveland 2, Pittsburgh 0
N.Y. Mets at Miami, ppd.
Texas at San Diego
Cincinnati at St. Louis
Arizona at Oakland
L.A. Angels at San Francisco

Friday's Games

Miami (Hernandez 0-0) at Washington (Corbin 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Houser 1-1) at Pittsburgh (Kuhl 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (TBD) at N.Y. Mets (TBD), ppd.
Philadelphia (Nola 2-1) at Atlanta (Fried 3-0), 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Keuchel 3-2) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 2-0), 8:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 1-1) at St. Louis (Hudson 0-2), 8:15 p.m.
Houston (McCullers Jr. 2-1) at San Diego (Richards 1-1), 9:10 p.m.
Colorado (Gray 1-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Buehler 0-0), 9:40 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 1-2) at San Francisco (Webb 1-2), 9:45 p.m.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX 9, DETROIT 0

Detroit	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Candelario 1b	4	0	2	0	Anderson ss	4	2	2	1
Jones cf	4	0	1	0	Goins ss	0	0	0	0
Cabrera dh	4	0	0	0	Moncada 3b	2	2	0	0
Schoop 2b	4	0	0	0	Abreu 1b	5	2	3	2
Goodrum ss	3	0	0	0	E.Jiménez lf	4	2	3	2
Stewart lf	4	0	0	0	Encarn. dh	3	0	0	1
Maybin rf	3	0	0	0	Mazara rf	5	0	0	1
Reyes rf	0	0	0	0	McCann c	4	1	2	1
Romine c	3	0	1	0	Mendick 2b	4	0	1	1
Castro 3b	3	0	1	0	Engel cf	4	0	1	0
Totals	32	0	5	0	Totals	35	9	12	9

Detroit	**000**	**000**	**000** — **0**
Chicago	**301**	**100**	**04x** — **9**

E—Moncada (3). DP—Detroit 1, Chicago 1. LOB—Detroit 6, Chicago 9. 2B—Castro (1), Abreu 2 (8), Mendick (3), Engel (4). HR—Anderson (6), E.Jiménez (8). SB—Anderson (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Turnbull, L, 2-2	2	2	3	3	4	0
Alexander	3	5	2	2	0	3
Funkhouser	2	2	0	0	0	1
J.Jiménez	1/3	3	4	4	1	1
Schreiber	2/3	0	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Giolito, W, 2-2	7	3	0	0	1	13
Cordero	2	2	0	0	0	2

HBP—Turnbull (Anderson), Alexander (Encarnación). WP—Giolito.
Umpires—Home, Alex Tosi; First, Chris Conroy; Second, Dave Rackley; Third, Lance Barksdale.
T—2:56.

MHSAA awaits Whitmer action

Volleyball, girls swim, boys soccer competitions on hold until at least next week

Some Southwest Michigan high school athletes will wait a bit longer to learn about their fall sports status.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association's Representative Council on Thursday approved the start of competition in girls volleyball, boys soccer and girls swimming in regions of Michigan authorized for that activity by Governor Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders, with competition in those sports pending in regions where those activities are not yet allowed as part of preventing spread of COVID-19.

Schools in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula – designated as Regions 6 and 8, respectively, by executive order – are allowed to begin competition Friday, as originally scheduled.

Schools in all other regions (1-5, and 7) may continue outdoor practice, pending further executive orders allowing for the opening of indoor facilities and physical distancing while competing in those areas.

The Representative Council was prepared Thursday to approve competition in volleyball, soccer and swimming for all schools in all regions, but was unable to do so because of questions remaining on which activities are still not allowed.

"Our council has made clear it is ready to offer students these opportunities, pending approval from Governor Whitmer that we may do so," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a news release. "We have been told that within a week, future guidance will address athletic issues that exist in current executive orders. We are awaiting that guidance.

"The MHSAA and Representative Council are committed to following all current and future executive orders and safety precautions. However, we need more answers before we can give all of our member schools the go-ahead to play each other again, and the majority of our schools are in regions that are not yet allowed to take part in volleyball, soccer and swim."

Teams began outdoor practice in volleyball, soccer, swimming, cross country, golf and tennis on Aug. 12. Lower Peninsula girls golf and boys tennis, and Upper Peninsula girls tennis began competition Wednesday, with cross country competition beginning today.

Football practice began Aug. 10, and on Aug. 14 the Representative Council voted to postpone the fall 2020 football season to spring 2021, also due to COVID-19 concerns.

For attendance purposes, schools in Regions 6 and 8 may have for indoor volleyball a total of 250 people or 25 percent of a facility's capacity, whichever is smallest. Indoor pools in Regions 6 and 8 are limited to 25 percent of established bather capacity for that pool.

Outdoor competition in Regions 6 and 8 may have 500 people or 25 percent of capacity, whichever is smallest.

For all three sports, the total numbers of people allowed to be present include all participants, officials and school and game personnel, media and fans.

Football and spring sports update

The council also approved out-of-season coaching adjustments allowing football and spring sports coaches more contact with their athletes in advance of the 2021 season.

To provide additional offseason activity for sports that have had their full seasons canceled or moved, the council approved 16 contact days for football and all spring sports to be used for voluntary practices among students from the same school only.

Football may schedule their contact days from Aug. 24 through Oct 31. Spring sports – baseball, softball, girls soccer, track, girls and boys lacrosse, boys golf, Upper Peninsula girls golf, and Lower Peninsula girls tennis and Upper Peninsula boys tennis – may schedule their 16 contact days for voluntary practices from Sept. 8-Oct. 31, if the school permits and all safety protocols are followed.

Football and all spring sports then may conduct skill work with coaches and up to four players at a time beginning Nov. 1 until the first day of official practice this upcoming spring. Coaches also may work with an unlimited number of players on general conditioning during that time.

A calendar for the inclusion of football into spring 2021 will be released later this fall, upon council approval at a later meeting.

Jeff Haynes / AP

Chicago White Sox starting pitcher Lucas Giolito delivers during the first inning of Thursday's game with Detroit.

Giolito fans 13, White Sox beat slumping Tigers to complete sweep

By PAUL LADEWSKI
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Lucas Giolito matched his career high of 13 strikeouts in seven dominant innings, hot-hitting Tim Anderson stroked his fourth home run of the series, and the Chicago White Sox beat Detroit 9-0 Thursday to complete their first four-game sweep of the Tigers in 15 years.

Giolito (2-2) allowed three hits and one walk to earn the victory, his fifth in seven career decisions against Detroit, as Chicago completed a 5-2 homestand with its fifth straight win. The right-hander also struck out 13 against Oakland on Aug. 11, 2019.

"He did a really nice job of finishing his work for the day," White Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Obviously, he kept us in the ballgame the whole day and gave us the opportunity to do what we needed to do. And the offense did the rest."

The White Sox hadn't swept a four-game set against the Tigers since Sept. 1-4, 2005, the year of their only World Series title since the 1917 season.

"We knew day one of spring training, just looking around the locker room, seeing the young guys (and) how far we've come ... it's about time for us to turn that corner," Giolito said. "The more that we're playing together, even though this is kind of a weird year, a shortened year, we're coming together. We're getting closer."

Anderson hit a solo homer off reliever Tyler Alexander to extend the lead to 5-0 in the fourth. The shortstop had eight hits and seven RBIs in the series.

Free-falling Detroit (9-14) dropped its ninth straight. At 15-11, Chicago moved as many as four games over .500 for the first time since April 29 of the 2017 season.

The White Sox wasted no time to jump on right-hander Spencer Turnbull (2-2), who walked three batters in a torturous 37-pitch first inning. No Tigers starter lasted more than 4 1/3 innings in the series.

With one out, Yoan Moncada and Eloy Jiménez walked around a José Abreu double to load the bases. Edwin Encarnación also coaxed a free pass to force home a run, then Nomar Mazara's fielder's choice groundout and James McCann's double plated two more.

Danny Mendick doubled off Alexander to extend the lead to 4-0 in the third.

"That's a good hitting team over there that's swinging really well," Tigers manager Ron Gardenhire said. "(Turnbull) needed to be in the zone and make them swing, and they didn't."

Detroit threatened against Giolito only in the third when it loaded the bases with one out on two singles and an error. He fanned Niko Goodrum and Cristin Stewart to squelch the rally.

The Tigers hoped for a respite after they suffered their 20th straight loss against Cleveland last weekend, but the White Sox were no less a challenge themselves. A year ago, Chicago won 12 of 18 games between the two clubs and outscored Detroit by a 113-86 margin.

One and Dunn

White Sox RHP Dane Dunning made a good first impression in his major league debut on Wednesday night, but the three-run, seven-strikeout, 4 1/3-inning performance wasn't enough to prevent his return to the Schaumburg training facility.

The team was scheduled for two open dates next week, and veteran starters Reynaldo López (inflamed right shoulder) and Carlos Rodón (sore left shoulder) could be in the mix shortly.

"(Dunning) showed very, very well yesterday," manager Rick Renteria said. "We'll have great problems to determine how we move forward."

OF Ricky Delmonico was added to the active roster.

Strange days

A weird season promises to get weirder yet in Chicago this weekend, when the Cubs and White Sox will play in an empty Wrigley Field.

"The professionalism in which (the players) carry themselves will remain for sure," Renteria said. "Does it make it a little different without having the fans out there? Yeah, absolutely. No one can deny that."

Trainer's room

Tigers: OF Cameron Maybin (tight right hamstring) left the game in the seventh inning. ... RHP Buck Farmer was reinstated from the 10-day injured list. He had been sidelined since Aug. 10 because of a strained left groin. In a corresponding move, RHP Carson Fulmer was designated for assignment.

White Sox: OF Luis Robert (sore right hand) could return to the lineup as early as Friday night, Renteria said.

Up next

Tigers: RHP Michael Fulmer (0-0, 7.56) will start the first game of a weekend series against the Indians in Cleveland on Friday night.

White Sox: LHP Dallas Keuchel (3-2, 3.07) will oppose the Cubs' Jon Lester (2-0, 2.74) in a duel of veteran left-handers on Friday night.

English continues surge in FedEx Cup opener

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NORTON, Mass. — Harris English made the difficult look easy Thursday in The Northern Trust, just like he has done all year to even reach this position in the PGA Tour's postseason.

Facing the tough stretch at TPC Boston in the middle of his round, English hit 5-iron on the 11th and 12th holes, both of them to about 8 feet for birdies. He followed with two long birdie putts to run his streak to four, and finished at 7-under 64.

By the end of the opening round, English shared the lead with Kevin Streelman, Cameron Davis of Australia and Russell Henley, who finished with a tap-in eagle.

Good starts were important to so many in the FedEx Cup playoffs, which are as much about advancing as avoiding elimination. The top 70 from the 122-man field (three players have withdrawn) move on to next week for another $9.5 million event. The goal then is to reach the top 30 for the Tour Championship and its $15 million prize to the winner.

Tiger Woods opened with a 68 with five birdies over his last 10 holes.

Of the top 11 players who were separated by one shot after the first round, five of them began the week outside the top 70, with Bubba Watson on the bubble at No. 66.

Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge

RIDGEDALE, Mo. — Shane Bertsch shot his second straight 7-under 64 on Thursday to take a four-stroke lead into the final round of the Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge, his second event on the PGA Tour Champions.

"I don't think I've ever had a four-stroke lead going into the final day, but I feel like if I keep doing what I'm doing, I should have plenty of looks," Bertsch said. "And I'm making some putts, so, I'd rather it's four than three. I kind of struggled up the last hole, but I was glad to get a par in there."

Tied for the first-round lead with Tom Lehman, Bertsch had nine birdies and two bogeys at Buffalo Ridge in the first of two 54-hole events at Big Cedar Lodge.

The 50-year-old Bertsch, a three-time winner on the Korn Ferry Tour, made his delayed senior debut three weeks ago with a tie for 45th in The Ally Challenge in Michigan.

Bernhard Langer had a 64 to move into a tie for second at 10 under with Kenny Perry (65) and Wes Short Jr. (66).

BEETLE BAILEY

THEY SAY THE UNIVERSE IS LIKE A BILLION YEARS OLD
AND LIFE ON EARTH BEGAN LIKE A MILLION YEARS AGO
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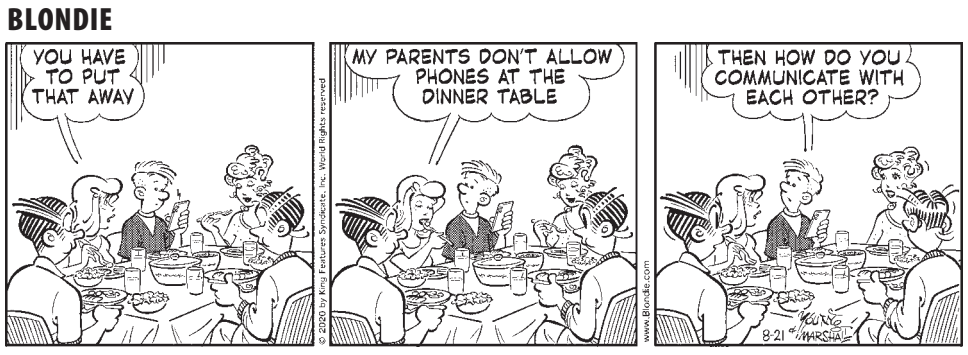
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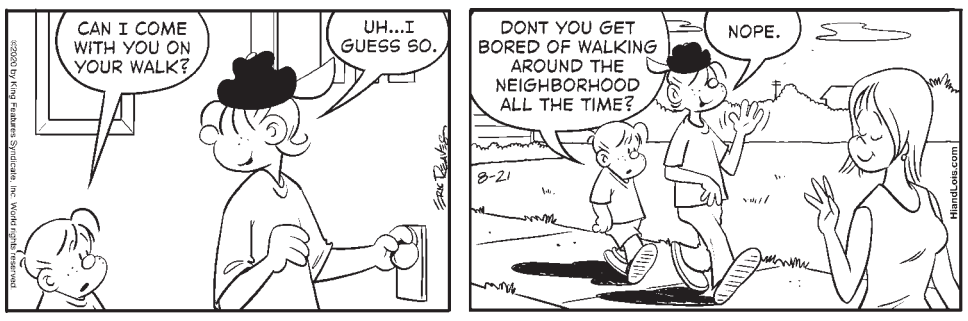
CAN I COME WITH YOU ON YOUR WALK?
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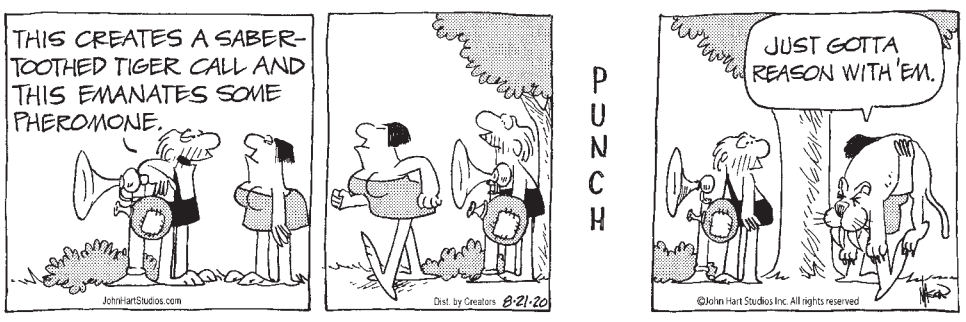
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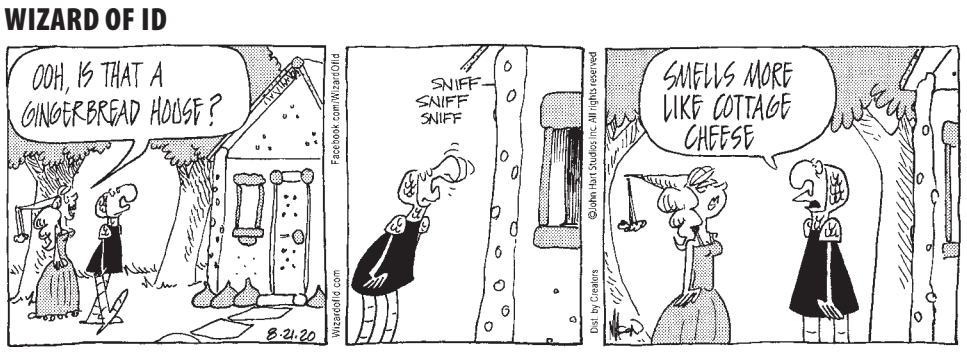

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WOULD YOU THINK IT WAS STRANGE IF I NAMED MY SHOES?
JIM DAVIS 8-21
YES. VERY
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PHIL! JERRY! 'SUP, GUYS?
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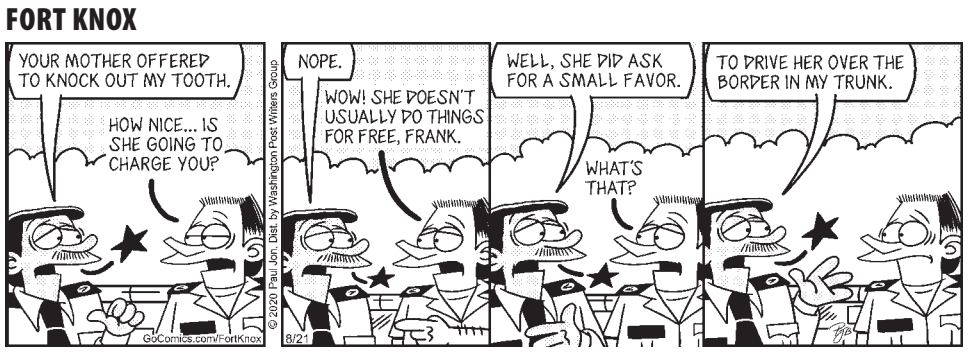
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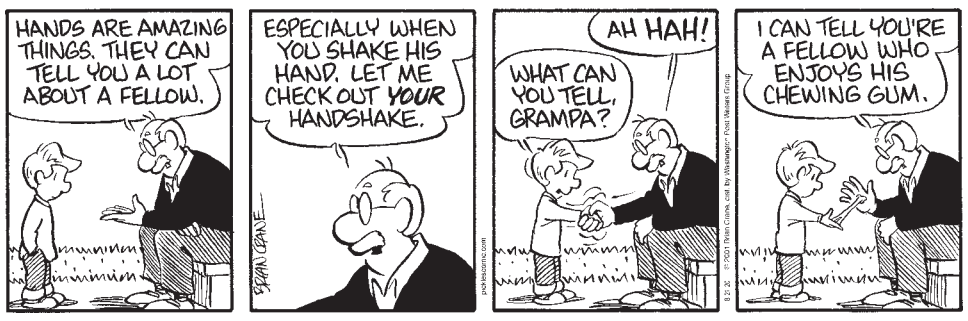
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ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU SHAKE HIS HAND. LET ME CHECK OUT YOUR HANDSHAKE.
AH HAH!
WHAT CAN YOU TELL, GRAMPA?
I CAN TELL YOU'RE A FELLOW WHO ENJOYS HIS CHEWING GUM.
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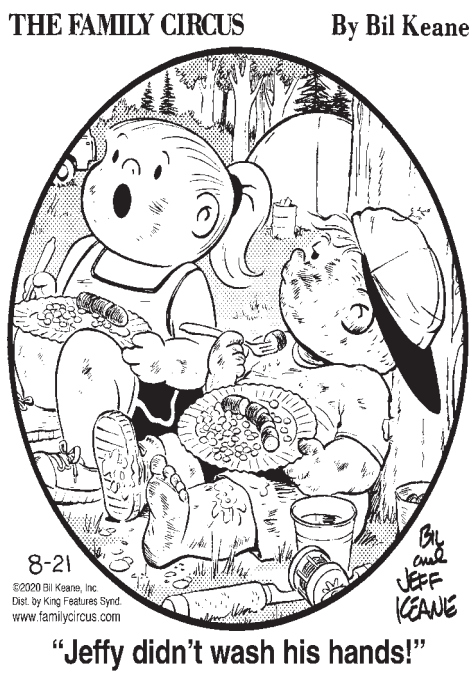

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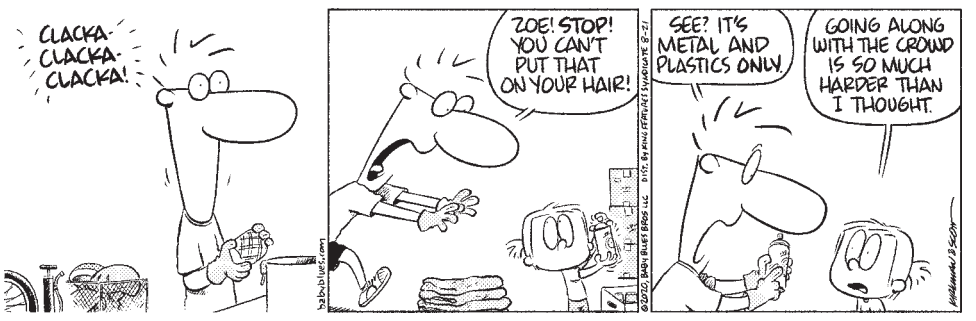
CLACKA-CLACKA-CLACKA!
ZOE! STOP! YOU CAN'T PUT THAT ON YOUR HAIR!
SEE? IT'S METAL AND PLASTICS ONLY.
GOING ALONG WITH THE CROWD IS SO MUCH HARDER THAN I THOUGHT.
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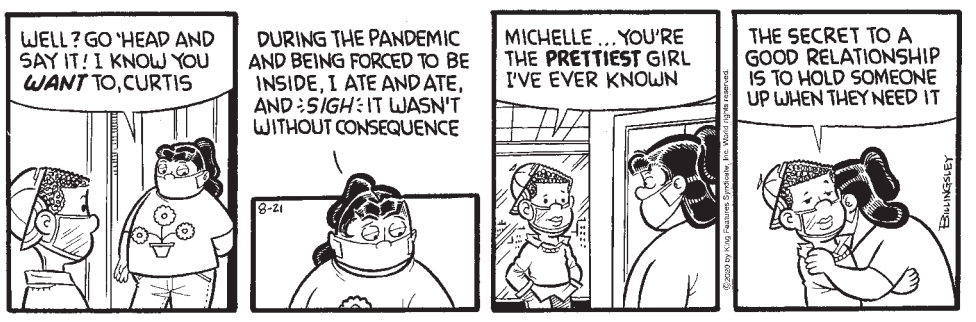
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DURING THE PANDEMIC AND BEING FORCED TO BE INSIDE, I ATE AND ATE, AND :SIGH: IT WASN'T WITHOUT CONSEQUENCE
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MICHELLE ... YOU'RE THE PRETTIEST GIRL I'VE EVER KNOWN
THE SECRET TO A GOOD RELATIONSHIP IS TO HOLD SOMEONE UP WHEN THEY NEED IT
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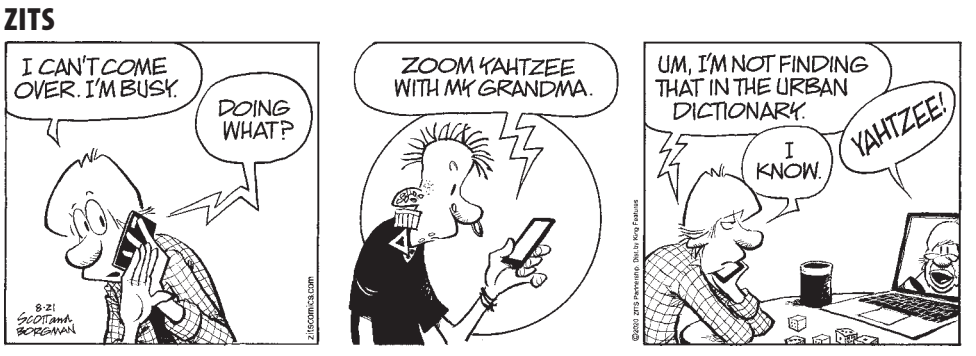
I CAN'T COME OVER. I'M BUSY.
DOING WHAT?
8-21 SCOTT and BORGMAN
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ZOOM YAHTZEE WITH MY GRANDMA.
UM, I'M NOT FINDING THAT IN THE URBAN DICTIONARY.
I KNOW.
YAHTZEE!
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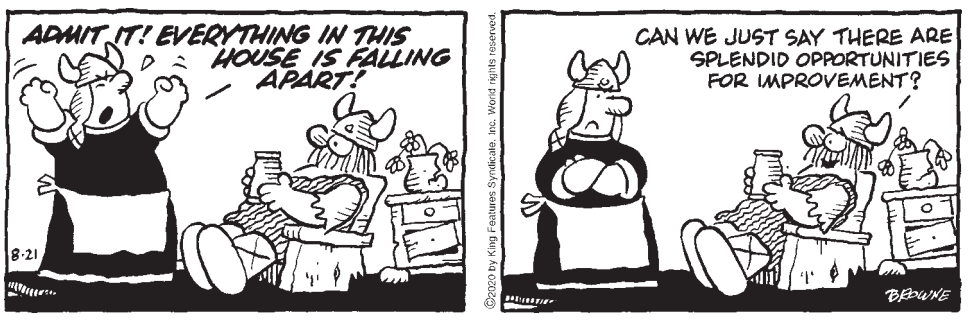
ADMIT IT! EVERYTHING IN THIS HOUSE IS FALLING APART!
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CAN WE JUST SAY THERE ARE SPLENDID OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT?
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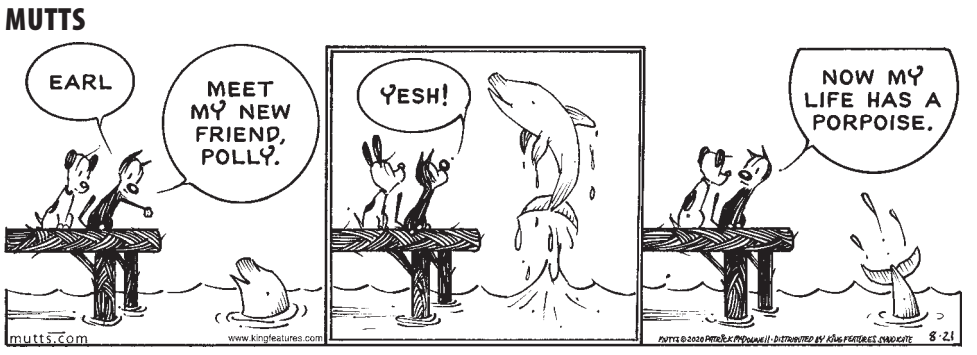

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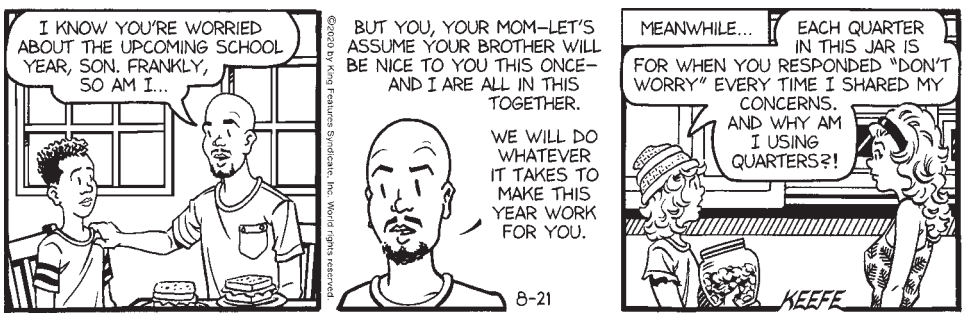
I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, SON. FRANKLY, SO AM I...
BUT YOU, YOUR MOM—LET'S ASSUME YOUR BROTHER WILL BE NICE TO YOU THIS ONCE—AND I ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER.
WE WILL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO MAKE THIS YEAR WORK FOR YOU.
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MEANWHILE...
EACH QUARTER IN THIS JAR IS FOR WHEN YOU RESPONDED "DON'T WORRY" EVERY TIME I SHARED MY CONCERNS. AND WHY AM I USING QUARTERS?!
KEEFE

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING AUG. 21

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 (N) CC			
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver Desi infiltrates a soccer team.		Magnum P.I. "May the Best One Win"		Blue Bloods "Careful What You Wish For"	
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Hollywood	America's Got Talent CC				Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Overheard	Washington Week	Firing-Hoover	Great Performances Broadway revival of The King and I. CC			
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Being Reuben	Being Reuben	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. A mass shooting takes place.		CSI: Miami "Caged" CC		CSI: Miami "Paint It Black" CC	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Masters of Illusion	Masters of Illusion	Being Reuben	Being Reuben	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME (46)	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Summer's End"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish CC	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	6:00 Live Rescue	Live Rescue: Rewind (N) CC		Live Rescue CC			
AMC	:00 ★★★ Independence Day ('96) Will Smith. Earthlings vs. evil aliens in 15-mile-wide ships. CC					★★★ Independence Day ('96)	
Animal	Monsters	River Monsters: Deadliest Man-Eaters (N)				River Monsters	
BET	Lottery	★★ Daddy's Little Girls ('07) Gabrielle Union. CC					
Big Ten	B1G	Wisconsin		Indiana		B1G	Iowa
Bravo	Below Deck	:14 ★★ Legally Blonde ('01, Comedy) Reese Witherspoon, Luke Wilson, Selma Blair. CC					Legally Blonde
Cartoon	We Bare	Burgers	American	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	★ Robin Hood ('18)	★★ Safe House ('12, Action) Denzel Washington, Ryan Reynolds. CC				9:55 ★★ Harsh Times ('05)	
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Anderson Cooper		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Bering Sea Gold	Bering Sea Gold "Snow Blind" (N)		:03 100 Days Wild (Series (P)) (N)		:05 Ed Stafford: First Man Out CC	
Disney	Sydney	Sydney	Upside-Down Magic ('20)			Coop	Sydney
DIY	Beach	Lakefront		Lakefront		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	Sex and the City		Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City	Sex-City
ESPN	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at New York Mets.					SportsCenter (N)	
ESPN2	6:00 NBA2K League Playoffs: Teams TBA. (N) (L)						
ESPNC	Baseball	MLB Baseball				MLB Baseball	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners, Drive	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Indians.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	6:00 ★★ Miss Congeniality ('00)			★★ Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous ('05, Comedy) Sandra Bullock, Regina King. CC			
FX	:00 ★★ Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17, Action) Colin Firth, Julianne Moore, Taron Egerton. CC					Kingsman: The Golden Circle ('17)	
Golf	PGA Champions				PGA Golf		
Hallmark	Love and Sunshine	Christmas Joy ('18) Danielle Panabaker, Matt Long, Lucia Walters. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	Lovecraft Country	Bad Education ('19) Allison Janney. An embezzlement scandal rocks a school.				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Fixer to	Unbelievable Builds		Dream	Dream	Backyard Takeover	
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Happily Ever After? (N)				90 Day	Darcey
Lifetime	King of Queens	★★ Tyler Perry's Madea Goes to Jail ('09) Tyler Perry, Derek Luke. CC				:03 Madea's Family Reunion ('06)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Pregame	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Chicago Cubs. (N) CC					
NFL	:00 NFL Total Access (N) CC			NFL Total Access		NFL Total Access	
Nick	Ice Age	★★ Shrek Forever After ('10) CC				Friends	Friends
NGEO	Africa	Africa's Deadliest		Savage Kingdom (N)		:03 Savage Kingdom	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "A Cold December Morning" (N)			Catching a Serial Killer: Sam Little Sam Little is a prolific serial killer. CC			
Parmt	Without	★★ Rocky IV ('85) Talia Shire CC				Bellator MMA Live	
Showtime	:00 ★★ The Ring ('02, Horror) Naomi Watts. CC			★ Countdown ('19) Elizabeth Lail, Jordan Calloway. CC			I Know What
Starz	6:20 Little Man	★★ Jumanji: The Next Level ('19) Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. CC				Night at the Museum: Smithsonian	
STZENC	:37 ★★ RENO 911!: Miami ('07) Thomas Lennon. CC			★★ Super Troopers ('01) Jay Chandrasekhar. CC			★★ Real Genius
SyFy	6:05 The Bourne Supremacy		★★★ The Bourne Ultimatum ('07, Action) Matt Damon, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen.				
TBS	★ Blended ('14, Romance-Comedy) Adam Sandler, Drew Barrymore. CC (DVS)				:45 ★ Grown Ups ('10, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC		
TCM	★★ Danger Route	★★ The Long Haul ('57, Crime Drama) Victor Mature, Diana Dors.				★★ The Weak and the Wicked ('53)	
TMC	6:00 Pavarotti	★★★ The Birdcage ('96, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman. CC				★★ The Upside ('17) Kevin Hart.	
TNT	NBA Basketball			NBA Basketball			
Travel	Paranorm.	Paranormal Witness		Paranormal Witness		Paranormal	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	:00 NHL Hockey (N) (L) CC					Chicago P.D. "Hit Me" CC (DVS)	
VH1	Bring It	RuPaul's Drag Race		★ Coyote Ugly ('00) Piper Perabo.			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

A suspected concussion requires medical care

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: I tripped while I was out running a few months ago and got pretty banged up, including a knock to the head. My wife worried about a concussion and wanted me to see a doctor. How do you know if you have a concussion?

DEAR READER: A concussion is a type of brain injury that can occur when a force is powerful enough to cause the head, along with the brain inside of it, to shake quickly back and forth. This can result from the type of direct impact you experienced when you fell during your run. It may also be caused by an indirect force that's powerful enough to make the head whip back and forth, as can happen during a tackle or when you're rear-ended in your car at high speed.

Your brain is basically a passenger within your skull. When something causes your head to stop short or suddenly change direction, your brain continues moving. It bounces and twists and bumps into the interior surfaces of the skull. A concussion results in a chemical change within the brain, along with bruises, tears or injury to the soft and fragile tissues. Because it's not life-threatening, concussion is typically referred to as a mild traumatic brain injury, or TBI. However, the effects can be serious.

When you have a concussion, symptoms may show up right away, or they can develop over a period of hours or days. Immediately after a concussion, a person may appear dazed or bewildered. They may not immediately be aware of what happened, and it's possible they won't recall the moments leading up to the injury. Some people become clumsy, and they may have trouble understanding and following directions. Physical symptoms can include headache, feeling nauseated, vomiting, a feeling of pressure within the skull, blurred or double vision, ringing in the ears and problems with balance and coordination. Some people may develop a sensitivity to external stimuli, including light and sound. The person may report feeling slow or groggy or just generally not OK. A brief loss of consciousness immediately after impact is possible.

Someone with a suspected concussion should seek medical care. You'll be asked for details about the accident, as well as any symptoms. It's important to also share information about any medications and supplements, as some can increase risk of bleeding. Diagnosis includes a neurological exam that checks vision, hearing, strength, balance and coordination. Cognitive tests are used to evaluate memory, recall and concentration. It's possible that someone would be asked to stay overnight in a hospital for observation. In some cases, brain imaging tests may be considered.

In 2018, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved a blood test to evaluate concussion. It measures levels of two protein biomarkers that the brain releases into the blood within 12 hours of a head injury. It's not a diagnostic test for concussion, but it does help predict which patients will have injuries that will be visible in a brain scan.

With 3.8 million reported concussions per year, this is a common injury. It's also a potentially serious one. It's important, so we'll say it again: If you suspect a concussion, seek medical care.

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Husband demands 'yes' or 'no' answers

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: My husband of 10 years and I have a communication problem. Sometimes he asks me a question he thinks is very straightforward, and he wants to know "yes" or "no" – but I reply with a contextual answer.

He gets impatient, interrupts me by repeating the question in an emphasized way, adding, "Yes or no?" with some exasperation.

This is very irritating to me on several levels. It feels controlling and I've told him he cannot tell me how to answer. As well, the question is often not as simple as he thinks. But I tend to withdraw after these episodes or give him a bit of silent treatment, which feels controlling on my part.

Years ago, we had a heart-to-heart about this and he confessed that my answers were confusing to him, that he is a simple man and he needs a simple answer. There aren't other controlling behaviors on his part.

But I'm not doing this on purpose, it is a reflection of the way I think and the way I am. So it feels like he's rejecting my personality.

How can we reframe this without someone being "wrong"? Humor might work, but I haven't tried. That's hard to pull off when I'm bristling. – Bristling

Dear Bristling: If he's rejecting your personality, then you're rejecting his.

And yes, shutting someone down with exasperation can be a form of control, and yes, the silent treatment can be a form of control.

So your impulse to reframe things sounds like the right one.

That said, seeing these frustrating conversations this way – as reflections of his personality as much as they reflect yours – is a useful place to start. It's a warning not to try to change each other.

Instead, look to the controlling reactions to see whether they can be reverse-engineered: He thinks he's getting an answer to his questions that you know he can't understand. You think he is asking for answers he knows you can't give.

Both of you feel powerless here for valid reasons. So both of you react to these communication misfires with, basically, emotional power grabs.

It would be much healthier for both of you to empower yourselves going *into* these conversations, to prevent the outcome that gets you upset.

Your husband has actually done his part already, or at least started to do it. He has explained himself. He doesn't understand you when you say these things.

Now for your part: Listen to him, and take at face value that he doesn't understand "contextual answers." Then, when he asks you a question that doesn't lend itself to the quick, clean answers he prefers, say that exactly: "I can't give you a simple answer here." Then say, "Would you like me to try to answer anyway?"

If yes, then start your answer. Then stop, ask: "Am I explaining this well?" Continue, or not, accordingly.

Keep at it and what used to be a lecture becomes an exchange. An exchange allows him to say, before the frustration hits – "Wait, I don't follow." Or, "Never mind, it's not that important." An exchange is good practice for answering him your way in a form that honors his.

An exchange, in other words, allows you both to feel whole and in control – hence no need to act controlling.

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40 Shrink's reply (2 wds.)
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22 Corduroy ribs
23 Leg joint
24 Like Bogart's falcon
25 Record player (hyph.)
27 In — of
29 Eucalyptus muncher
30 — Marbles
31 Caulk
36 Ponce de —
38 Declines
44 Items for sale
46 Napkin
47 Nowhere near
48 Hindu princess
49 New Age singer
50 Does batik
53 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
55 Corporate VIP
56 Container
57 Tackle moguls

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	E	G	R	E	T			Q	U	O	T	E
A	M	O	E	B	A		S	U	L	T	A	N
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				Y	V	E	S		S	O	R	T
		M	B	A		O	O	H	S		V	E	E
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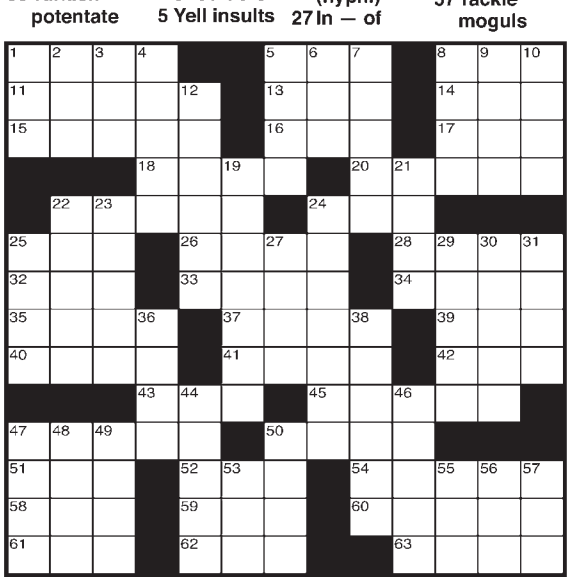

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

OEOSG

GAIEM

DUELGS

IRXLIE

I can't believe he flagrantly came in here and stole everything!
This is shocking even for him!
8/21
THE FARMER AND THE HENS THOUGHT THE FOX'S FORAY INTO THE HENHOUSE WAS ---

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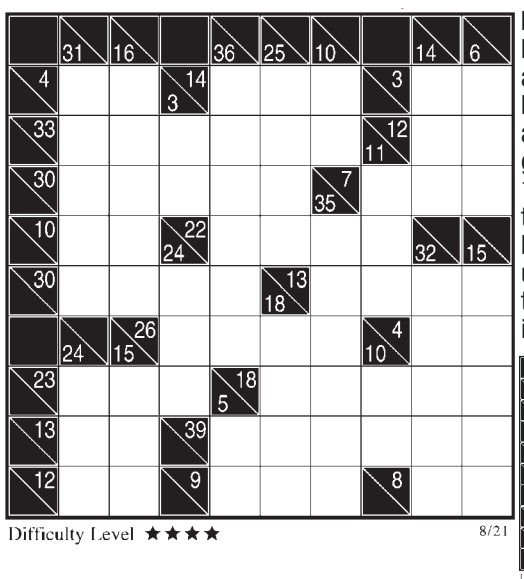
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

" ○○○ - ○○○○○○ "

(Answers tomorrow)

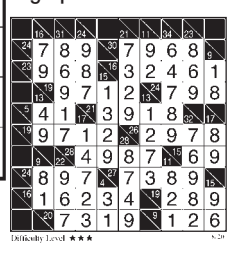
Yesterday's Jumbles: WOUND HOIST BASKET SALARY
Answer: After her opponent made a 70-foot putt for eagle, — SHE WAS SUNK

KAKURO



How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 8/21



BRIDGE

Here is another of Fran Lebowitz's funny comments: "Remember that as a teenager you are in the last stage of your life when you will be happy to hear that the phone is for you."

At the bridge table, sadly, you rarely know when the phone is ringing for you. But it helps to remember the facts. Of course, part of the problem is the amount to remember, some of it important, some irrelevant. Still, remember to remember how many trumps have gone, how many points are in the opponents' hands (easier to do if they bid), which cards are winners, how the bidding proceeded, and what the opening lead was.

In today's deal, how should South try to land three no-trump? West leads the heart four, lowest from a tripleton in a suit that partner bid and West didn't support.

The one-no-trump overcall by South said that he would have opened one no-trump if East had had the courtesy to pass. It also promised at least one stopper in the opener's suit. North had an easy raise to game.

There are six top tricks: three spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. A winning finesse in either minor will bring in the extra three tricks. Which one to take? There are only 13 high-card points missing, so East must have both of the minor-suit kings for his opening bid. Therefore, after South wins with the heart ace, he should cross to the club ace and take the diamond finesse three times to collect nine tricks.

Take the club finesse, though, and declarer loses a rapid five tricks: four hearts and one club.

North 08-21-20
♠ 7 4 2
♥ 6 3
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ A Q J 9

West
♠ 10 8 6 5 3
♥ 8 5 4
♦ 5
♣ 8 7 4 2

East
♠ J 9
♥ K Q J 9 2
♦ K 6 4 3
♣ K 3

South
♠ A K Q
♥ A 10 7
♦ A 9 7 2
♣ 10 6 5

Dealer: East
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
			1♥
1NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

2						5		
	6			9	8		4	
4	1			5		8	9	
9					2	4		
				3				
		5	1					3
	7	9		1			6	4
	2		7	8			1	
		6						7

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	4	1	5	3	2	6	7	8
3	8	6	4	7	9	2	1	5
5	7	2	6	1	8	4	3	9
8	6	9	3	4	5	7	2	1
4	1	3	8	2	7	5	9	6
7	2	5	9	6	1	8	4	3
6	3	7	1	8	4	9	5	2
1	5	4	2	9	6	3	8	7
2	9	8	7	5	3	1	6	4

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LEGALS

LEGALS

FORFEITURE NOTICE: To Hollis Morgan. On June 23, 2020, a Center Point crossbow with two arrows, ZTE smartphone, .22 cal Ruger pellet gun, Barnett Crossbow and $2,010.00 in US Currency was seized under the Michigan Controlled Substance Act. The police intend to forfeit these items. If you wish to contest this forfeiture, you must file a signed, written claim with the Southwest Enforcement Team at PO Box 2600, Battle Creek, MI 49016 by September 6, 2020.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EMPLOYMENT

ADMINISTRATIVE

The City of South Haven is seeking a full-time City Manager.
This position is responsible to the City Council for the proper management and administration of all affairs of the City. The City Manager is expected to ensure the efficient operation of quality municipal services and to implement plans and programs in line with policy directions from the City Council.
Bachelor's in Public Administration or related field is required. Master's degree in Public Administration or related field is preferred. Previous experience as a City Manager, Assistant City Manager or related leadership position in a municipality required.
Previous experience in economic development, community relations, tourism, and/or planning/zoning preferred. Must be an effective communicator and problem-solver and be able to work with diverse groups.
To view full job posting and apply, go to southhavenmi.gov /human_resources.
Deadline to apply is August 28, 2020.

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High school diploma or equivalent is required. Bachelor's degree in Chemistry or related field is preferred. Five years of progressively more responsible and related work experience is required. Considerable knowledge in the operation and maintenance of a wastewater plant, wastewater pumping and disposal facilities required.

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Deadline for application is August 31. EOE

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Part-time

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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

Take the initiative to update your skills, knowledge and technology this year. The more you have to offer, the better. Don't limit what you can do. The information you receive on your quest for a better future will be enlightening and life-altering.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Don't dismiss a change before you check it out. A steady pace and an open mind will help you gain confidence as well as support. Be open-minded when confronted with dissent or new ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A change of pace will be revitalizing. Make plans with someone who puts a smile on your face. A kind gesture will make a difference to someone going through a hard time.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Refuse to let anyone prevent you from concentrating on what's important. An opportunity to make changes at home that will boost your productivity should be put in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) How you help others will affect what you get in return. Being cooperative will give you leverage when you want to bring about change. Don't labor over the impossible.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Learn something new. An open mind and a desire to make a difference will help you let go of the past. Don't let an emotional matter stop you from making progress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Keep your emotions under control. Look for personal opportunities that will help you update your attitude, image or lifestyle. Romance is encouraged.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Pay attention to how much you spend, eat or take on physically. Moderation will be essential. Aim to look and feel your best, and you will find it easier to resist temptation.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) If you have ulterior motives for helping someone, you will be disappointed with the results. Put greater emphasis on using your imagination and delving into creative projects.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Be careful how you handle sensitive issues. Someone close to you will be easily hurt if you are too vocal about your feelings. Treat personal matters with kindness and consideration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) An emotional incident will lead to a change of heart. A personal change will be the pick-me-up you need to improve your attitude. Romance is in the stars.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Keep busy in order to avoid trouble. If you stretch the truth, someone who knows the facts will be eager to question you. Avoid temptation and untrustworthy people. Be kind to yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't act in haste. Look for solutions and do whatever is necessary to make things better. Anger is not the answer if you want to resolve a problem.

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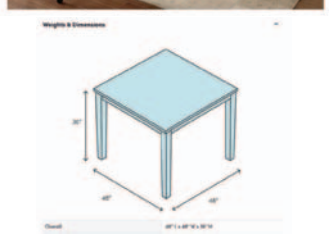

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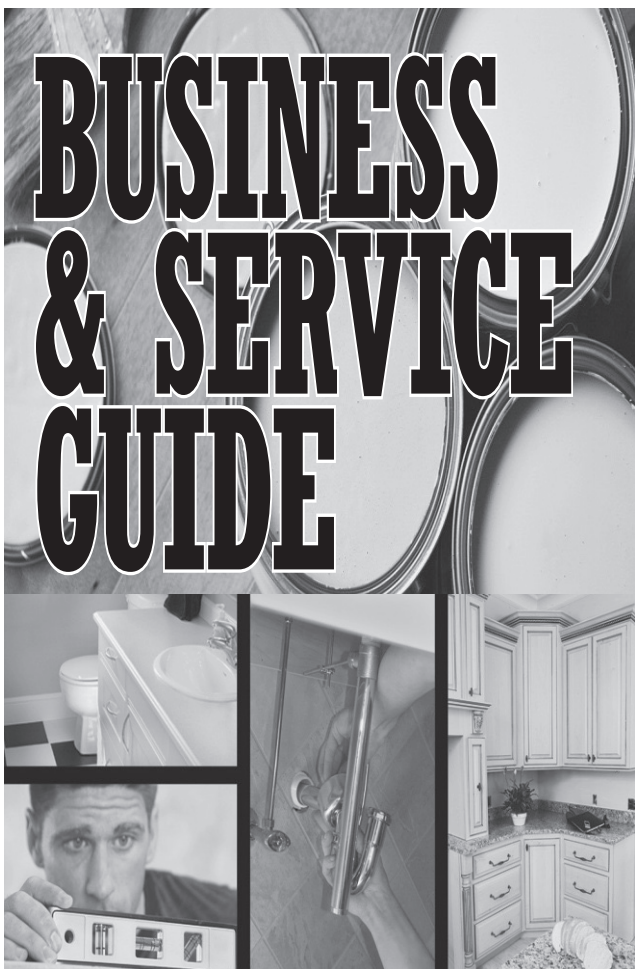

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT
September 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.

Township of Keeler
Van Buren County, Michigan

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the township supervisor has prepared and filed in the office of the township clerk for public examination a special assessment roll covering all properties within the **ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, and BIG AND LITTLE CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4** The rolls have been prepared for the purpose of assessing the costs as shown on the plans and estimate of costs on file with the township clerk.

The roll for **KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4** is in the total amount of $25,366.56 with a proposed special assessment of up to $282.85 per 1 unit lake front parcel, $424.27 per 1.5 units multiple lake front parcels, $141.42 per .5 units vacant lake front parcel, $67.46 per 1 unit back lot parcel, $101.19 per 1.5 units multiple back lot parcels and $33.73 per .5 units vacant back lot parcel, is in the total amount of $25,366.56. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

The roll for **ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT** is in the total amount OF $27,603.96 with a proposed special assessment of up to District No. 1, $178.09 per parcel and District No. 2, $35.62 per parcel. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

The roll for **CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL DISTRICT** is in the total amount of $12,941.68 with a proposed special assessment of up to District No. BCW, $47.58 per parcel, District BC No. 2, $13.59 per parcel, District BC No. 3 $7.93 per parcel, District No, BC No. 4, $11.89 per parcel and District LC No. 1 $47.58 per parcel. For further information, you are invited to examine the roll.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Board will meet at the Keeler Township Hall, 64121 Territorial Road W, Hartford, MI 49057 on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing the special assessment roll and hearing any objections thereto. After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended. The roll may be examined by contacting the Township Clerk at 269-621-6481 or via email at keeler@cybersol.com during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of the hearing and may further be examined at the hearing.
**Please take notice that the Keeler Township Office is open only limited hours during COVID-19 health crisis and under executive orders of the Michigan Governor. You may be asked to make an appointment to examine the roll or have it emailed to you for inspection. Additionally, the Township Board anticipates that the hearing will be held in-person at the township hall; however further orders from the Michigan Governor may require a video-conference or teleconference. Please check the township's website at www.keelertownship.org for additional information.*

An owner or party in interest, or his or her agent, may appear in person at the hearing to protest special assessments, or may file his or her appearance and protest by letter before the hearing, and in that event, personal appearance shall not be required. The owner or any person having an interest in the real property who protests in writing at or before the hearing may file a written appeal of the special assessment with the State Tax Tribunal within 30 days after the special assessment roll is confirmed.

After the public hearing, the Township Board may confirm the roll as submitted or as revised or amended; may provide for payment of special assessments with interest; and may provide by resolution for such other matters as are permitted by law with regard to special assessments for: **KEELER LAKE AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL PROJECT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 4, ROUND LAKE WEED AND AQUATIC PLANT CONTROL 2020-2024 SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT, CROOKED LAKES WEED CONTROL DISTRICT.**

The main meeting room at the Township Hall is barrier free and Keeler Township will provide the necessary and reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting room upon seven (7) days' notice to the Township Hall. Individuals with disabilities or needed services should contact the Township by writing or calling the Township Hall. Return all correspondence to Carl F. Davis, 64121 Territorial Road, Hartford, MI 49057 or phone 269-621-6481.

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Carl F. Davis, Keeler Township Clerk

OBITUARIES

Clyde Edward Pollins

Aug. 25, 1936 – Aug. 6, 2020

Deacon Clyde Edward Pollins, 83, of Benton Harbor departed this life Aug. 6, 2020. A private service will be held. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbins brothersfh.com.

Clyde was born Aug. 25, 1936 in Okolona, Ark., to Clidean Pollins and Fannie Lewis Pollins. He accepted Christ as his personal savior at a young age. On Jan. 22, 1961, Clyde married the love of his life, Willie Ruth McKissack. He was a kind and gentle person and enjoyed fishing, eating fish and he loved watermelon. Clyde found joy in serving as a Deacon of New Bethel B.C. for more than 50 years. For 30 years he worked at Bendix/Bosch until his first retirement in 1996. He went on to work for the Benton Harbor Area Schools system as a janitor of over 10 years until his final retirement.

Deacon Pollins leaves to cherish his memories his wife, Willie Ruth; children: Donna Pollins of Arkansas, Clyde Jr. of Benton Harbor, Lynda Pollins (Tyrone) of Grand Rapids, Kevin Pollins of Benton Harbor; sister, Mattie Pollins of Chicago; grandchildren: Ramon Pollins of Georgia, Sidra Satterfield of Georgia, Marquis Pollins of Kalamazoo, Makayla Pollins of Mishawaka, Ind., Deandray Ellis-Pollins of Grand Rapids, Noah Pollins of Arkansas and A'Nyssa Pollins of Grand Rapids; a special niece, Francis Pollins (Frank) Pugh of Chicago; and a host of cousins, god-daughters and many community, neighborhood and church friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Rose Pollins Scott and Florean Pollins Clay; and brother-in-law, O. D. Clay.

Norma Alene Daniel

Jan. 11, 1933 – Aug. 15, 2020

Norma Alene Daniel, 87, of Coloma passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2020, at her home under hospice care.

She was born Jan. 11, 1933, to E. Warren and Rhama (Dubrill) Huskey in Comstock, Mich. Norma graduated from Coloma High School with the class of 1951, where she was crowned Queen of Coloma, 1950. She married Hurley Daniel Sept. 23, 1951, in Coloma. Norma enjoyed flowers, gardening, sewing, restoring old dolls and toys, fishing, reading and traveling with friends and family.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Hurley Daniel; her parents, and stepfather, Albert Holmer; brothers: Eugene and Joseph Huskey; sisters: Joan Clark and Myrtle Huskey.

Norma is survived by her daughter, Ladonna (Daniel) Sell of Lawrence; son, Norman (Lynn) Daniel of Coloma; six grandchildren: Dustin (Rebekah) Koshar, Holly (Todd) Buss, Jacob Koshar, Heather (Jeremy) Smith, Amanda (Jeremy) Pullins and Brooke (Cody) Williams; 13 great-grandchildren; a brother, Albert (Donna) Holmer; sisters: Gloria (Jim) Ballard, Wanda (Bob) Bouchekus and Mae Huskey.

A memorial service date has not been determined yet. Contributions may be made in Norma's memory to the St. Joseph Lincoln Senior Center, 3271 Lincoln Ave., St Joseph MI 49085. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Vincent Edward Rasmus

March 29, 1964 – Aug. 19, 2020

Vincent Edward Rasmus, 56, of South Haven passed away Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020.

He was born March 29, 1964, to George and Mary (Page) Rasmus in Michigan City, Ind. Vincent worked for DeBest Inc., in South Haven, for over 16 years. Vince enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing. He cherished his time spent with his daughters and grandchildren. He also liked visiting casinos and spending time with his family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, George Rasmus; mother, Mary (Chuck) Bodfish; and a brother, Michael Rasmus.

Vincent is survived by his children: Crystal McCoy of Bangor, Chelsea Rasmus and Elizabeth (Kevin) Rasmus, both of Fennville; siblings: Cynthia Pittsley of South Haven, Daniel Rasmus of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Johnny (Melissa) Bodfish of South Haven, Chuck (Sherry) Bodfish of Lacota, and Cindy Bodfish; five grandchildren: Rufus and Macey McCoy, Ammary Peterson Jr., and Peyton and Melody Haggerty; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, at the funeral home. Vincent will be laid to rest at Lee Township Cemetery. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com.

The family is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home in South Haven, 637-0333.

Death Notices

John Edward Beatty, 81, of Buchanan died Aug. 19, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

Garold Duane Bennitt, 87, of Palm Bay, Fla., formerly of Galien died Aug. 18, 2020. Pobocik Chapel Wagner Family Funerals, Three Oaks, 756-3831.

Norma Alene Daniel, 87, of Coloma died Aug. 15, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Patricia A.McIntyre, 89, of Niles died Aug. 19, 2020. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Vincent Edward Rasmus, 56, of South Haven died Aug. 19, 2020. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven, 637-0333.

Richard P. "Rick" Rimpel, 64, of Stevensville died Aug. 20, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold steady from mostly $23-24, Golden Delicious sold from $26-29, Fuji sold for $24-24.50 with fine appearance mostly $31-32, Pink Lady brought $35, Gala fine appearance offerings sold from mostly $39-40, and 72 size Honeycrisp of fine appearance offerings brought $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold from $23-24, while Golden Delicious brought $21-22, and Gala sold from mostly $22-23.

ASPARAGUS: 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold steady for $29, with large white offerings sold from $26.50-29.50.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Ontario Canada sold from $18-20.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size from British Columbia sold lower from $18.50 to $20, while offerings from Michigan sold higher for mostly $21-22. Organic offerings from California sold higher for $28.50. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers small-medium size from California sold lower from $15-18, while organic offerings brought $28-28.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher for $20.50, with organic offerings sold higher for $22-22.50.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Michigan sold lower for $14, with red type $18-20.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold slightly higher from mostly $13-15, with organic offerings higher for $22.

CANTALOUPE: 24-inch bins of Michigan Athena type 70s sold for $150, while 90s brought $160.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color and yellow from Michigan sold slightly lower from $12.50-14.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold steady higher for $27, while medium offerings from Michigan sold higher for $22 while selects brought $14-15, and carton 24s brought $8-9. Pickles of 200-300 size from Michigan sold from $26-28.

EGGPLANT: 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Michigan sold from mostly $22-23.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower from $18.50-19, with organic offerings lower for $28.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold from $30-32.50.

PEACHES: 25-pound cartons loose various yellow flesh varieties from California of 60 size sold steady for $24, with white flesh offerings of 48-50 size sold higher for $34.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Michigan green jumbo sold higher from mostly $13-14, extra-large size $12, with choppers lower for $8. Extra-large size jalapeno peppers from Ohio sold for $20, and serranos brought $20-20.50 while hungarian wax peppers from North Carolina sold from $27-28, and large size Long hots sold for $20. Extra-large serranos from Michigan sold for $23, while medium size anaheims sold for mostly $21-23.

PRUNES: 28-pound cartons of Early Italian of 1-1/4-inch min. size from Washington brought $36.

SQUASH: 1/2-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Michigan sold for $14, with medium size $12-13, while yellow straightneck small-medium brought $17. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Michigan of large size acorn sold lower for $22, while small spaghetti sold for $28.50, and medium size butternut from Ohio brought $22.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size sold lower from $17-18, while Michigan offerings sold for $18, and cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes of 4x5 size brought $20. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Michigan sold for $15. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red from Michigan sold for $14. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold for $14, while offerings from Michigan $14 and large size $13-14.

WATERMELONS: 24-inch bins of Michigan red-flesh seedless type 45s sold lower for mostly $165.

Trump wants #SCOTUS OK to block critics on @realdonaldtrump

By MARK SHERMAN
Associated Press

President Donald Trump is asking the Supreme Court to allow him to block critics from his personal Twitter account.

The administration said in a high-court filing Thursday that Trump's @real donaldtrump account with more than 85 million followers is his personal property and blocking people from it is akin to elected officials who refuse to allow their opponents' yard signs on their front lawns.

"President Trump's ability to use the features of his personal Twitter account, including the blocking function, are independent of his presidential office," acting Solicitor General Jeffrey Wall wrote in urging the justices to review the case.

The federal appeals court in New York ruled last year that Trump uses the account to make daily pronouncements and observations that are overwhelmingly official in nature. It held that Trump violated the First Amendment whenever he blocked a critic to silence a viewpoint.

A decision about whether even to hear the case is not likely before the November election.

The case grew out of a challenge brought by the Knight First Amendment Institute at Columbia University, which sued on behalf of seven individuals blocked by Trump after criticizing his policies.

Jameel Jaffer, the Knight Institute's executive director, said the justices should decline to take up Trump's appeal.

"This case stands for a principle that is fundamental to our democracy and basically synonymous with the First Amendment: government officials can't exclude people from public forums simply because they disagree with their political views," Jaffer said in a statement.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Buchanan – Boy, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, Rebecca Manolovits and Kamran Ahmed, 5:06 a.m. Aug. 15.

Niles – Girl, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, Desireé Ann Verburg, 4:50 p.m. Aug. 19.

Niles – Boy, 8 pound, 3 ounces, Kelsey and Jared Wardlaw, 3:33 p.m., Aug. 17.

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 1ounce, Annesha Anderson-Bell and Cory Mayes, 3:05 p.m. Aug. 16.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 5 pounds even, Jasmine and Jermaine Jones, 6:01 p.m. Aug. 14.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, Cienna Nelson and Adarius Ferguson, 6:17 p.m. Aug. 13.

Benton Harbor – Girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, Jordan and Michael Zalvocki, 1:25 p.m. Aug. 15.

Dowagiac – Girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, Emily Pierson and Jakub Mysiak, 11:36 a.m. Aug. 15.

Stevensville – Girl, 8 pounds even, Jordan Beatty and Collin Burandt, 1:21 p.m. Aug. 17.

Stevensville – Boy, 7 pounds, 15.3 ounces, Megan and Alex Gallert, 10:42 p.m. Aug. 12.

WAYLAND LIVESTOCK

Wayland Livestock sales as of Tuesday, Aug. 18. Prices are per pound.

High yielding choice & prime	$1.03 $1.06
Choice steers & heifers	95 cents $1.02
Utility cows	62 cents 74 cents
Canner & cutter cows	45 cent 67 cents
Bulls	75 cents 95.5 cents
Top bull calves	70 cents $1.20
Hay	2.10 $4.80 per bale
Straw	$2.30

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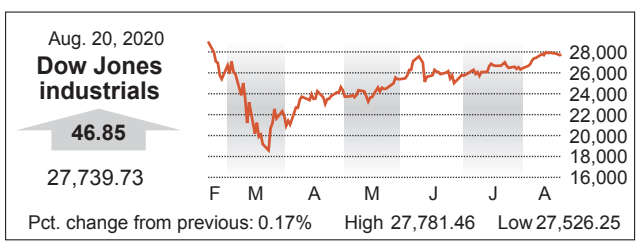

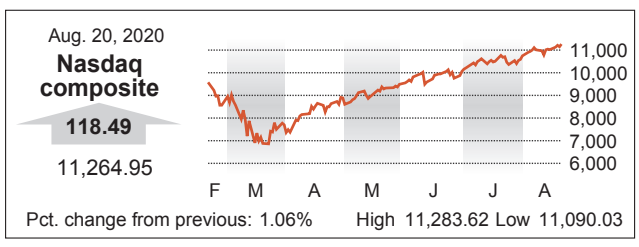

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$79.41 **-1.51 -1.9%**
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Whirlpool WHR
$182.92 **-1.45 -.8%**
▲ **4-wk.** +15.3% ▲ **YTD** +24.0%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	26.08	39.70	29.67	-.06	-0.2	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	79.41	-1.51	-1.9	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	201.00	468.65	473.10	+10.27	+2.2	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1203.50	-6.50	-0.5	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	40.08	21.96	-.28	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	60.36	-.32	-0.5	▼	▼	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	47.35	-.02	...	▼	▼	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	43.27	-.05	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	195.85	191.10	-.89	-0.5	▬	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	128.12	+.35	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	98.91	-.84	-0.8	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	75.18	41.32	-.64	-1.5	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	19.78	-.38	-1.9	▼	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	34.21	-.50	-1.4	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	3.96	9.65	6.84	-.03	-0.4	▼	▼	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	6.27	-.11	-1.7	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	290.58	280.68	-2.18	-0.8	▬	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	10.99	-.05	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
HuntBncsh	HBAN	6.82	15.63	9.20	-.32	-3.4	▼	▼	▲
IDEX	IEX	104.56	178.14	176.28	+.49	+0.3	▼	▲	▲
IBM	IBM	90.56	158.75	123.15	-.69	-0.6	▼	▼	▲
JPMorgCh	JPM	76.91	141.10	97.37	-1.18	-1.2	▼	▼	▲
JohnJn	JNJ	109.16	157.00	151.42	+1.03	+0.7	▲	▲	▲
Lowes	LOW	60.00	162.89	158.58	+.30	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
McDnlds	MCD	124.23	221.02	209.88	+.37	+0.2	▲	▲	▲
Microsoft	MSFT	132.52	217.64	214.58	+4.88	+2.3	▲	▲	▲
MillerHer	MLHR	14.39	49.88	24.09	+.50	+2.1	▼	▲	▲
Perrigo	PRGO	40.01	63.86	53.09	-.64	-1.2	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	27.88	40.97	38.72	+.46	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
ProctGam	PG	94.34	137.52	136.85	+1.08	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
RepubSvc	RSG	65.37	100.91	88.99	-.16	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Steelcse	SCS	7.02	23.02	10.95	+.06	+0.6	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	124.54	226.30	187.86	+1.76	+0.9	▼	▼	▲
TCF Finl	TCF	16.96	47.46	26.36	-.43	-1.6	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	85.53	154.69	152.24	-1.98	-1.3	▲	▲	▲
TractSupp	TSCO	63.89	155.25	152.33	-1.59	-1.0	▲	▲	▲
UPS B	UPS	82.00	162.70	159.55	-.79	-0.5	▼	▲	▲
VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	58.96	-.09	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	91.29	-.43	-0.5	▲	▼	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	137.63	130.57	-1.84	-1.4	▼	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	39.71	-.54	-1.3	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	21.68	+.50	+2.4	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	185.96	182.92	-1.45	-0.8	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	42.99	-.05	-0.1	▼	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	83.18	-.46	-0.5	▲	▲	▲

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Lakeshore's girls basketball team wants another shot at archrival St. Joseph. The Lancers have a remarkable 62-6 record over the past three years. But all of those losses have come at the hands of St. Joseph and Miss Basketball Kim Knuth. Knuth is headed to college, but Lakeshore is still loaded and looking for revenge behind returning All-Stater Katy Kemp. Lakeshore's chance at redemption could come this weekend as the Southwest Michigan girl basketball season starts with the four-team Tipoff Classic in the St. Joseph High School gym. If Lakeshore and St. Joseph win their openers Friday, they will collide in Saturday night's championship game.

1985 – 35 years ago

Wayne A. Maley is chairman of the communications and materials division for the 1985 Blossomland United Way campaign, according to an announcement from General Chairman Ray Radde. Maley is manager of member services and public relations for the American Society of Agricultural Engineers in St. Joseph Township. The division is responsible for development of all promotional tools used by campaigners in the annual solicitation. Maley said in the United Way news release that all materials have been developed and are available for early campaigns. They include posters, brochures, tent cards, stationery, radio spots and press releases. All printed material reflects the 1985 theme "Sow the Kindness Seed."

1970 – 50 years ago

A 1,150 pound steer, a cross between Angus and Hereford, captured the grand championship of beef cattle yesterday at the 25th annual Berrien County Youth Fair. The champ, owned by Tom Walton, 17, of Three Oaks was slated to be the first on his block at the annual fair livestock auction for beef cattle today. Walton's Angus-cross also captured first place in its individual breed class before being named grand champion market steer. Walton, a recent graduate of River Valley High School will attend Southwestern Michigan College in the fall.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, Aug. 21, the 234th day of 2020. There are 132 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On August 21, 1831, Nat Turner launched a violent slave rebellion in Virginia resulting in the deaths of at least 55 whites. (Turner was later executed.)

On this date:

In 1609, Galileo Galilei demonstrated his new telescope to a group of officials atop the Campanile in Venice.

In 1911, Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa" was stolen from the Louvre Museum in Paris. (The painting was recovered two years later in Italy.)

In 1963, martial law was declared in South Vietnam as police and army troops began a violent crackdown on Buddhist anti-government protesters.

In 1983, Philippine opposition leader Benigno S. Aquino Jr., ending a self-imposed exile in the United States, was shot dead moments after stepping off a plane at Manila International Airport.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Sunny
84°	63°	86° / 65°	85° / 66°	86° / 67°	85° / 66°

Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 84°, humidity of 43%. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 63°. South wind 1 to 5 mph. Saturday, skies will be sunny, high of 86°, humidity of 49%. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:00 a.m.
Sunset	8:36 p.m.
Moonrise	9:50 a.m.
Moonset	10:29 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
8/25	9/2	9/10	9/17

Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	83°
Low	51°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	61°
Record High	91° in 2010
Record Low	51° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	1.29"
Normal for month	2.76"
Year to date	25.74"
Normal Year to date	23.99"

Air Quality

Yesterday 44

Main Offender ..... Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

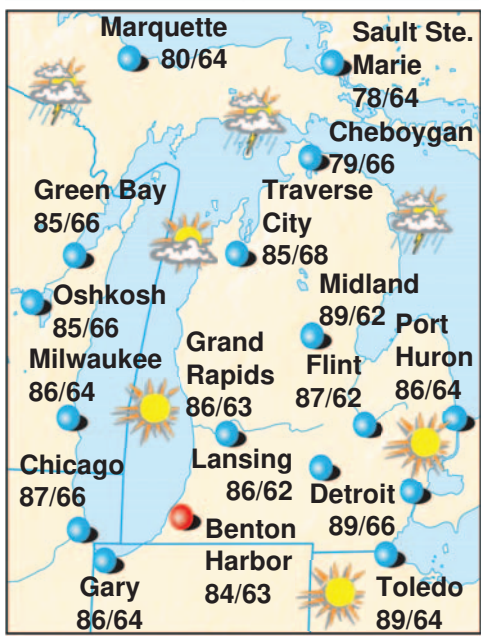
0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

Weather Trivia

What is a significant contributor to greenhouse gases? ?

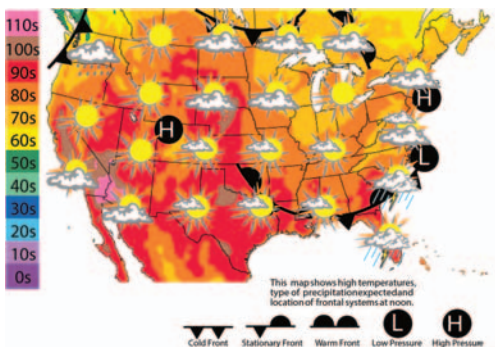
Answer: Charcoal fires.

Regional Map



National Weather Map

Forecast map for Aug. 21, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Sunny. Waves around 1 ft. Water temperature 73 degrees. Tonight, Variable winds less than 5 kt. Clear. Waves around 1 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s. Southeast wind 2 to 7 mph. Expect partly cloudy to mostly cloudy skies Saturday with isolated showers and thunderstorms, highs in the 70s and 80s.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s. Southwest wind 3 to 7 mph. Expect sunny to partly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 80s and 90s. Southwest wind 2 to 6 mph.

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

"Bandemic Edition" is scrawled in chalk outside the band room Thursday morning at Lakeshore High School.

BANDS

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indoor events have been suspended.

If the state moves into phase five in time for the concert, then up to 250 people would be allowed at outdoor events, with indoor events limited to 50 people.

If the state falls back into phase three, then all in-person instruction is canceled and students would again have to learn remotely.

Pagel said they will be flexible.

"We're taking it one day at a time and making the best of it," he said.

'Staying fresh and sharp'

Benton Harbor Area Schools Superintendent Andrae Townsel said that the district's band director, Nathaniel Cook, has been working with the students to keep them in marching form.

"We still have our young people safely social distancing as they practice," he said.

In addition, he said practices are being held outside.

"They're working on their band routines as if they are preparing for a show," he said. "They're staying fresh and sharp as they practice."

Joshua Doe, band director for the St. Joseph school district, said they likewise have had to reimagine how marching band is handled.

Since festivals and other competitions have been canceled or are on the verge of being called off, Doe has focused on basic marching fundamentals, such as posture, tone and technique.

Members of the trombone section get some work in at Lakeshore High School.

"We still do formations outside, only we practice social distancing and use PPE," Doe said. "I've been proud how they've adapted to the new policies."

Doe said they are considering virtual performances for the community. He said they will also be prepared to support the football team if the sport returns next spring.

However, Doe said they will miss performing under the Friday night lights.

When the pandemic first altered school plans in March, Doe said he and other band directors began to speak with one another over what this meant for this school year.

"Band directors are planners," he said. "I met with a whole bunch of band directors and we started talking about what this could do to band camp and the fall. We have to have the fall planned out by the end of May. We were thinking best-case and worst-case scenarios from the word go."

The biggest adjustment for St. Joseph's marching band has been their goals.

Festivals, football games and big performances were normally the main objectives. Now they're working together under unique circumstances.

St. Joseph students didn't meet for a normal band camp structure this summer. Instead, Doe held 90-minute sectionals at the high school. Instead of practicing with all 150 band members, he taught with no more than 40 students at a time. That also meant no sharing equipment, getting their temperatures checked, plus being health screened.

Doe said it's been bittersweet, especially because his senior class won't be able to perform at districts. However, commended the resilient students.

"They are a neat group of kids and I really think they will be open-minded in how we make this work. Hopefully we will get the parades in the spring like Blossomtime," Doe said. "Marching band is one third of the year for us. There's another six months of different challenges."

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SCHOOLS

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The uncertainty has become a source of tension among school leaders who say they are being pressured to reopen without clear guidelines on how to do it safely. Some school leaders say they're left making decisions that should be made by health officials.

Parents, too, often say they're being left to fend for themselves amid the void, scrolling through health department dashboards to scrutinize virus statistics and make decisions about whether they should send their children back to school in-person or virtually.

In Houston, a group of school district leaders pushed back this week against local officials who recommended that classes remain virtual until hospitalization rates and the trend of new confirmed cases flatten, along with a 14-day average of 5 percent positive tests.

The superintendents called the plan "not attainable" and said district officials have moved forward with their own plans.

Sarah Davidson was among the parents who supported her school superintendent, convinced that local authorities set the bar too high for a return to in-school classes. She looked up data on local hospitalization rates and spoke to neighbors who work as pediatricians before deciding her 5- and 7-year-old kids will be better off inside a classroom than with virtual lessons.

The district is starting the year with two weeks of virtual learning, and parents can decide to continue or send their kids back in person.

"What really sealed it for me was to see how broken my 7-year-old was when I told him we had to do online to start the year," she said. "He just sat there and you could tell on his face he was upset. Then he went alone to his room and he was just inconsolable."

Here is some of the guidance that schools and families are navigating at the start of the school year:

Federal guidance

Amid President Donald Trump's calls to reopen schools, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Aug. 1 issued new guidelines urging schools to open unless there is "substantial, uncontrolled transmission" of the virus in their areas. But the guidance did not define what constitutes uncontrolled spread, saying only that schools should work with local health officials on any decision.

Pressed on the question later, the CDC's chief said exceptions should be made only for schools in "hot spots," which he defined as places where the rate of positive virus tests is above 5 percent.

The White House separately issued its own guidance urging all schools to reopen, saying prolonged closures "inflict massive harm on children." It said distance learning should be considered only for high-risk students or those with high-risk family members.

Earlier guidance from a White House task force laid out a phased reopening for businesses and schools. That plan said schools could reopen in phase two, after two consecutive 14-day periods with a decrease in documented cases.

FLINT

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to the $600 million compensation fund.

The agreement establishes a process for submitting claims. Amounts awarded will depend on the number of claims and the extent of damage a person sustained between April 25, 2014, and July 31, 2016.

Nearly 80 percent will be distributed to claimants who were minors, with the largest share – 64.5 percent – going to those who were 6 or younger when first exposed to the contaminated water. About 30,000 children lived in Flint at the time.

Lead can harm people at any age but is especially dangerous to children, potentially damaging the brain and nervous system and causing learning and behavior problems.

Some 18 percent will go to adults and the rest to businesses or other specified relief programs.

Corey Stern, an attorney who represents about 2,600 minors, said many children likely would receive payments in the "high-five to low-six-figure" range, with those badly harmed getting even more. He described it as "the largest single settlement involving lead poisoned children in our nation's history."

Melissa Mays sued the state on behalf of her three sons, saying they have had medical and educational difficulties because of lead exposure.

"You can't fix this with money," Mays, a social worker, said. "You can help make our lives a little less horrid because in no way, shape or form should traumatized victims be scraping by just to survive month to month. In no way is this going to replace my kids' brains, their lungs, their livers, their learning ability."

At least $9 million will be earmarked to settle a case involving kids who weren't being provided with special education services, said Gregory Little, an attorney with the Education Law Center.

Flint had long purchased drinking water from Detroit, about 70 miles south, but switched to the Flint River in April 2014. It was among money-saving measures recommended by an emergency manager appointed by then-Gov. Rick Snyder.

Residents complained that the water was discolored and tasted and smelled bad. They blamed it for rashes, hair loss and other health concerns, but local and state officials insisted it was safe.

Researchers with Virginia Tech University reported in summer 2015 that samples of Flint water had abnormally high lead levels. A group of doctors subsequently announced that local children had high lead levels in their blood.

Snyder, a Republican, eventually acknowledged the problem, accepted the resignation of his environmental chief and pledged to aid the city, which resumed using Detroit water.

Many residents used bottled water for drinking and household needs for more than a year. Researchers said in late 2016 that lead was no longer detectable in many homes.

Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, a Flint pediatrician who led the investigation that discovered the high lead levels in children, said it will take decades to restore trust.

"I am hopeful this settlement serves as a reminder of Flint's lessons: where the perfect storm of environmental injustice, indifferent bureaucracy, lost democracy and austerity, compounded by decades of racism and deindustrialization, left a city powerless and forgotten," she said.